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CRAZY

"SOME PEOPLE think I's talking to myself, but I ain't. I's talking to the Lord Jesus" announced the 62-year-old Pullman porter as he continued making up berths.

It was Sunday morning and most of us had expected to be in our home churches by this time, but a speeding freight train had piled 19 cars across our path. Even getting home for supper seemed doubtful. Nerves were taut from the excitement and heads were aching from the continual bumping and shifting of our car in the difficult process of hooking it to the main-line train on tracks warped by the wreck.

AMID ALL THE excitement, the porter went about his work calmly and preached as he went. "Oct. 1, 1937, was the greatest day of my life. That was the day I found t Lord Jesus. Everybody thought old Kel was crazy when for five days he didn come back to his job."

"He was crazy," he chuckled as he fold a blanket deftly with long-experienc hands, "crazy about the Lord Jesus."

"AND I'S STILL crazy about the Lo Jesus." Newspapers were dropped a nerves relaxed as everyone strained to he this simple, uneducated preacher. " crazy about Him because in 44 years Pullman service old Kelly's seen lots wrecks, but the Lord Jesus ain't let o hair of his head be touched. The go Lord takes care of all them what puts the trust in Him." —MAUD POWLAS

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THE CHURCH IN THE NEWS

Christian coronation

There wasn't any "separation of church and state" to inhibit the British as they prepared for the coronation of Queen Elizabeth. For nine centuries every British monarch (except Edward V) had been crowned in Westminster Abbey by an archbishop of the Church of England. This week (via television) most of the world would have a chance to witness the ancient ritual.

Roman Catholics of the queen's realms were unhappy because Elizabeth must take an oath to defend "the Protestant reformed religion established by law." But dignitaries had been sent from the Vatican to attend the "non-religious" part of the ceremony. A mass at 8 P.M. on the evening before the coronation was ordered in every Roman Catholic parish church in England and Wales.

For the first time at a British coronation a Presbyterian clergyman was to have official duty. Part of the ceremony, the presentation of the Bible to the queen, would be performed by the Rt. Rev. J. Pitt Watson, moderator of the Church of Scotland.

He had been invited, explained Dr. Geoffrey Fisher, archbishop of Canterbury, because the queen's oath to defend the church "refers to the two churches in the United Kingdom—the Church of England and the Church of Scotland—whose position in regard to the State is established by law." The Scottish Church is Presbyterian.

Bible ceremony

Like a U.S. president at his inauguration, the British queen takes her oath with her hand upon a Bible. This is the Bible to be presented by the Scottish moderator, as the archbishop declares: "Our gracious Queen, to keep Your Majesty ever mindful of the law and the gospel of God as the rule for the whole life and government of Christian princes we present you with this book, the most valuable thing that this world affords."

ELIZABETH THE QUEEN
"Defender of the faith"

Representatives of many churches would have seats at the coronation ceremony, and some would walk in the procession. "But it would be ridiculous if all churches were given a little bit to do in the service," said Dr. Fisher.

A Latvian clergyman, Dean Eric Bergs, announced that he was to be the first Lutheran pastor to take part in the coronation of a British sovereign. He came to England as a DP in 1947, and is the senior member of the postwar British Lutheran clergy.

ommittee will guard freedom

A few Communists may have wriggled to the Protestant ministry and the Roan Catholic priesthood in America. A rmer FBI agent, Herbert A. Philbrick, ys he knows five in the Boston area.

"If a minister is engaged in activities t rightfully of church character," nited Lutheran Church President anklin Clark Fry told an Associated ess reporter in mid-May, "church aorities are able and have full comtence to put an end to such conduct." "Communist infiltration" must be tched, churchmen agreed. But "wrong thods of meeting that infiltration" can more harm than good. This month National Council of Churches had a w 15-member "Committee on Mainnance of American Freedom" to guard ainst communism in church and also combat bad methods of going after mmunists. Among the 15 is ULC esident Fry.

DR. FRANKLIN CLARK FRY
Among the guardians

The wrong way to fight communism, said National Council President William C. Martin, is "to pin a Communist label on social liberals and advocates of reform." He said pinning the Red label on individuals who seek social change is "a procedure widely resorted to today."

Scores of respected and trusted American church leaders are listed in the files of the House Un-American Activities Committee as members of organizations (such as Civil Liberties Union, Fellowship of Reconciliation) which some congressmen consider subversive. The committee does not check its files to determine whether the information is accurate.

Another "subversive"

Anyone who ventures to criticize the House Committee tactics in damaging the reputation of innocent people is likely to get on the committee's blacklist. One of the critics has been Mrs. Mildred McAfee Horton, a vice president of the National Council of Churches. She was attacked recently in Dr. Carl McIntire's *Christian Beacon*.

Last month Mrs. Horton was scheduled by the Eisenhower administration to be U.S. delegate at sessions of the United Nations Social Commission. After a check-up on files regarding Mrs. Horton, the State Department dropped the idea of nominating her for the UN appointment. The chief security officer in the State Department, Scott McLeod (formerly assistant to Senator Styles Bridges) has promised a "completely ruthless" loyalty investigation of department appointees.

"How childish can we get?" asked a New York *Times* editorial on the Horton case. "The entire lunatic fringe of frightened, vacant little minds must be babbling with happiness. And the rest of

us must be sickened with shame," the sober *Times* commented.

Mrs. Horton is the wife of the chief executive of the Congregational Christian Churches, Dr. Douglas Horton. Before her marriage she was for 13 years president of Wellesley College and was wartime head of the WAVES.

Oxnam suggestion accepted

A half-dozen proposals had been made by Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam to the House Committee on Un-American Activities about its methods of gathering information (*see* THE LUTHERAN, *May 27*). One was a recommendation not to keep in the files an accusation that a person belongs to a subversive organization unless the person actually is a member.

The committee turned down all but one of the bishop's suggestions at a meeting in late May. It accepted the proposal that it will furnish its reports only to Congressmen and authorized investigative agencies.

Sharpest attack a churchman has made on the House Committee came in late May in a sermon by Dean James A. Pike in New York City's Cathedral of St. John the Divine. Members of the committee "should know all about Un-American activities," he said. "They're experts at them." By putting men on "trial by press and television," the committee reverses the American "principle that a man is innocent until proven guilty."

Church people must launch a counter-attack by making Christian influence felt in politics, said Dean Pike. "Let the world know . . . that Christ reigns not only in the church buildings but in every realm of life."

More German pastors arrested

Slow-motion attack on the Protestant church continued in East Germany this month. The strategy seems to be to wear down resistance of churchmen by the constant threat of sudden and secret arrest. But the campaign stops short of all-out warfare which might arouse East Germans to bold resistance.

Communists arrested 41-year-old Guenther Brandt, student pastor in Potsdam. Another clergyman arrested in May is the Rev. Arthur Muetze of Chemnitz, chairman of an evangelistic organization.

A church deacon, Herbert Buedke, was sentenced to eight years' imprisonment by a district court at Rostock. He "made it his chief task to turn youth into enemies of the democratic order through false interpretation of Christian doctrine," it was charged. Pastor Herbert Bohnke got an eight-year jail sentence in the Kottbus court for reading a pastoral letter from Bishop Otto Dibelius in the pulpit of his church.

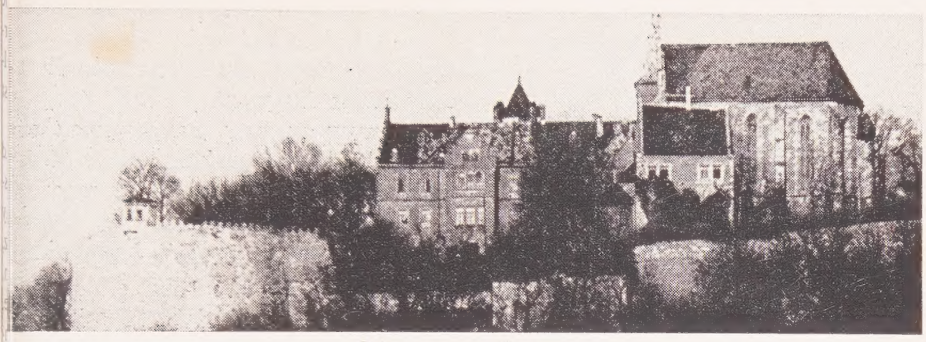
Bishop accused

Red newspapers opened an attack on Lutheran Bishop Hugo Hahn of Saxony who recently announced he must retire because of ill health. He is "a shepherd who protects wolves," newspapers said, because he defends the church youth organization, the *Junge Gemeinde*.

Threat that the death sentence may be imposed on clergymen who oppose the Communist regime was made in *Neues Deutschland,* official Communist Party newspaper.

Communists released one pastor, Dr. Kurt Aland, whom they arrested in March. He is professor of church history in Halle. No explanation was given of his arrest or release.

Mansfield Castle near Luther's birthplace—Eisleben—was seized by Communist police. It had been a Lutheran training school for deacons. Faculty and students were arrested, then released, but Communists still hold the building.



MANSFIELD CASTLE
Communists took Lutheran training school

Protestants are better evangelists

Six out of every 10 Protestant church members in the U.S. have at some time invited someone to come to church with them. Only three out of 10 Roman Catholics have tried.

This was the score posted this month in the *Catholic Digest,* based on the magazine's interview-survey. The *Digest* said most Catholics didn't think they are supposed to try to make converts.

One reason (not mentioned in the *Digest*) why Protestants outrate Roman Catholics in inviting people to church is that there are so many non-church-going Protestants to be invited. Of 100 million Americans who claim to be Protestant, only 50 million belong to churches. Among 35 million Roman Catholics, 29 million are on church rolls.

Lutherans ranked below the Protestant average in their evangelistic efforts, according to the Catholic *Digest* figures. Baptists were highest, with 67 per cent who have tried to win converts. Presbyterians (59), Methodists (56), Episcopalians (53) outdid Lutherans (49) and Congregationalists (32).

Of the 67 per 100 Baptists who tried to win converts, 50 said they had succeeded. Of the 49 Lutherans, 28 reported success.

Women in church

As Presbyterians USA held their annual assembly in Minneapolis this week, they faced a familiar question: whether women should be ordained as ministers. In 1930 the vote of the presbyteries had been 170 to 108 against ordination. In 1947 the vote was 104 to 100 against. Preliminary report this year showed 66 of 104 presbyteries in favor of ordaining women, 21 opposed, and 17 not favoring action now.

"In the sight of God, male and female have equal status," said Presbyterian theologian Hugh Thompson Kerr, "and no function in human or ecclesiastical society ought to be denied to women simply because they are women."

The first woman to be senior pastor of an Evangelical and Reformed Church is Carolyn Kratz Kissinger, to be ordained June 13 for service in the Nittany Valley Church near State College, Pennsylvania.

Baptists, who sanction women in the ministry, have only 33 in active service in their American Convention, it was reported last month. "Some of the women have done really fine jobs in areas where the church was too small or the religious development too little to attract a man," said Mrs. R. F. Palmer.

The Church of the Brethren decided in

1952 that "qualified women be granted equal opportunity with men in the ministry."

Episcopalians split on women delegates

National conventions of the Protestant Episcopal Church have refused to admit women as delegates. But in diocesan conventions the tide was turning this year. The New York and Pennsylvania dioceses voted in favor of admitting women, but must confirm the action next year before women can represent their congregations in the annual conventions.

Twenty-nine of the 86 Episcopal dioceses in the United States now allow women to serve at conventions. In 1952 Canadians of the Toronto Diocese voted 97 to 88 to seat women delegates. Last year the Anglican Church of Ireland seated its first woman representative.

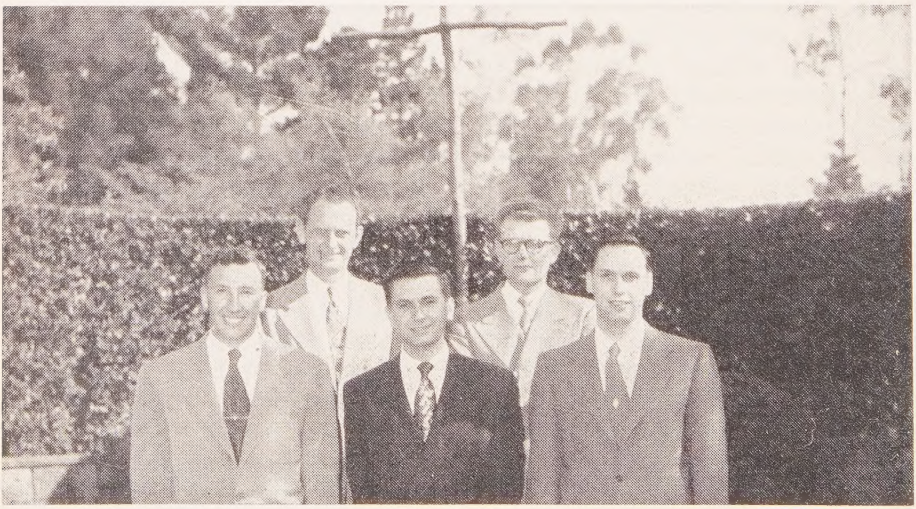
In half a dozen states Episcopal women have urged this year that they be permitted to serve on vestries in their local congregations. St. Andrew's Church in Wilmington, Delaware, elected its first woman vestry member in February. The North Carolina and Ohio dioceses voted against women as members of vestries at conventions this year.

A survey on how many women are members of policy-making boards of the American denominations will be reported at the National Assembly of United Church Women in October. Facts on the present status of ordination of women to the ministry are also being gathered.

Baptists are cautious

An $8 million campaign for building new churches was proposed at the American Baptist convention in May. But some delegates refused to endorse it until they were sure the congregations to be organized will require baptism by immersion.

Churches might be built for congregations that accept any newcomer into membership, the Rev. L. B. McBain warned. The campaign was approved when it was specified that all new churches "shall be organized as tradi-



FIRST IN CALIFORNIA

Five were graduated on May 21 at the end of the Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary's first year. The school was established by the California and Pacific synods

onal Baptist churches carrying out distinctive Baptist principles . . ."

There are 324 "areas of need" where churches should be opened immediately, was reported. "We must decide whether we are going to be a first-rate or a second-rate denomination," Dr. Theron B. Chastian told the convention in urging the home mission program.

Fewer Lutheran divorces

Divorce rate among U.S. Lutherans is far below the national average but is increasing, a Lutheran Welfare Conference was told by the Rev. Paul Hansen. He is director of the Family Research Project financed by the Lutheran Church —Missouri Synod.

There is one divorce for each 20 Lutheran marriages, Mr. Hansen said. American average is one in four.

Most common subjects of family conflict, said Mr. Hansen, are (1) finances, (2) in-laws, (3) child training. His survey was made in homes of the Augustana Lutheran Church, Evangelical Lutheran Church, and Missouri Synod.

Lutherans don't agree on birth control, Mr. Hansen reported. Sixty-four per cent of the laymen questioned endorsed planned parenthood, but pastors were 4 per cent opposed, although 68 per cent of both groups approved "so-called natural methods." Mr. Hansen said that pastors still place the major stress on methods of birth control rather than the motives."

Social work criticized

"Some of the worst social work in America today is being done by church-sponsored agencies," Lutheran welfare workers were told at their conference in Chicago in May. "Some of it is silly, sentimental, stupid, and oblivious of all professional developments of the past 50 years," said Robert MacRae of the Welfare Council of Metropolitan Chicago.

Mr. MacRae said some church agencies refuse to serve minority groups, especially Negroes. Some fail to recognize the need for properly trained workers. Some churches give social agency positions to clergymen who have proved unsuccessful in parish ministry. Some children's homes employ harsh discipline. "I know of some institutions in which children are forced to march around in a circle for hours."

Regardless of the weaknesses described, Mr. MacRae said, it is true that social work was begun by the churches and would not survive long if the churches disappeared. Churches, with their "superior moral insight," are responsible for keeping awake "the social conscience of the community."

And so forth

A British pacifist, Stuart Morris, who had been invited by the American Friends Service Committee to lecture in the United States was held at Ellis Island in late May as an alien seeking "to engage in activities which would be prejudicial to the public interest, or endanger the welfare, safety, or security of the United States." Under the McCarran immigration law, Mr. Morris could not enter the U.S., immigration officials ruled. "A pacifist has a moral right to be heard anywhere in the free world," Mr. Morris claimed.

"The blind and the clergy" should have reduced airplane fares, it was proposed in the U.S. Congress by Representative Edmund P. Radwan. These groups now get special rates on railroads and bus lines—one-half the first-class fare for clergymen, and free transportation of the blind when accompanied by a full-fare paying attendant.

World News Notes

Negotiations on two fronts

In trying to patch up a decent truce in Korea, American spokesmen had to try to satisfy two groups of opponents: the Reds they are talking with at Panmunjom, and the U.S. Senators who think the truce terms should be dictated to the Communists instead of negotiated.

In late May the Eisenhower administration had swung over toward bringing its terms in line with the UN Assembly recommendations of last December. This had been strongly urged by Britain, Canada, and India. But in Washington Senators William Knowland and H. Alexander Smith expressed "complete opposition" to softening the U.S. demands.

Some Americans aren't convinced that the Chiang Kai-shek government in Formosa cannot regain control in China. They would rather start a big war in Asia, in hope of restoring Chiang's power, than recognize the Chinese Communist government and admit its representatives to the United Nations.

Loudest American voice raised against peace in Asia was that of the Rev. Daniel A. Poling. He recommended breaking off the truce talks in Korea, and "all-out support of Chiang Kai-shek and unequivocal assurance to Syngman Rhee of Korea that we will not consent to partition of Korea."

Segregation in South Africa

The world's most vicious attempt to enforce race segregation was shaping up this month in South Africa, where the Malan government won a complete victory in the April election. In every South African city and town, the blacks and Asians are to be moved into racial zones separate from the whites. A hundred thousand people will have to move in one city, Johannesburg, according to the Malan edict.

The Asians are especially worried in Johannesburg, where there are 22,000. Many of them own prosperous shops in the business area, worth at least $140 million, and fear they will lose them. Negroes are to be moved 15 miles outside the city. No compensation will be made for property lost in the transfer.

Corporations can give to colleges

Stockholders of the A. P. Smith Manufacturing Company had protested when directors of the corporation made a $1,500 gift to Princeton University. Suit was brought to a New Jersey court challenging the right of the directors to give away the company's money.

Judge Alfred A. Stein decided on May 21 that the directors have power to make the gift, because "what promotes the general good inescapably advances the corporate weal." He said he is convinced "that the only hope of survival of the privately endowed American college and university lies in the willingness of corporate wealth to furnish in moderation some support to institutions which are so essential to public welfare."

The decision will be appealed to a higher court. If upheld, it may stimulate a new trend in American life. Privately owned colleges—especially church colleges—have banded together in most states to appeal to industrial and business corporations for contributions. In many cases the corporations can deduct most of the gifts from profits which would be taken by taxation. The government, therefore, really pays the bill. But if the bills aren't paid in this way, federal support of colleges and universities will be necessary.

When two-thirds of the senators join sponsoring a piece of legislation, nething basic is happening. Senator cker's resolution proposing an amendnt to the U.S. constitution, designed keep the executive branch from giving ay any segment of American sovignty, had 62 co-signers.

A year earlier, Bricker introduced a ilar but more sweeping proposal ich would have hamstrung the operan of the executive branch by taking ay its power to make executive agreents with other countries. The violent ntroversy that raged over last year's icker resolution resulted in its being ast in its present form.

hat would it do?

The proposed amendment, if passed Congress and ratified by 36 states, uld: (1) invalidate any treaty which nies or abridges a constitutional right;) prohibit any treaty which gives a reign power or international organizaon the right to supervise, control, or judicate constitutional rights of U.S. izens or other matters within its domes- jurisdiction; (3) provide that Conss must pass appropriate legislation fore a treaty becomes effective as inrnal law; and (4) confine executive reements between the president, and y international organization or foreign wer to the manner and extent prebed by law.

Two things have apparently frightened e senators. One is the sweeping use ade of executive agreements in the past o decades (Teheran, Yalta, Potsdam). he other is the trend toward internanal covenants in the United Nations d the uncertainty as to the legal authority of these covenants over the domestic law of the countries which sign them.

The first of these fears—that of giving unbridled authority to the president to make long-range commitments of foreign policy—has been justified by world events. The second—the supposed conflict between international covenants and domestic law—seems to have been inflated far beyond the facts in the case.

The Supreme Court has already established the supremacy of the constitution over any treaty provision. Each treaty must pass the gauntlet of ratification by a two-thirds vote of the Senate. No treaty yet submitted gives an international court the right to try U.S. citizens on domestic matters. If such a proposal were included in a treaty, it would promptly be throttled by the Senate.

Real peril lies in the fact that senators, with the valid objective of defining the limits of executive power, have been joined by others who are opposed to any international commitments, including membership in the United Nations. Some of those who co-sponsored the Bricker resolution have decided to oppose its passage, fearing that it will be used in an attempt to turn back the clock.

Secretary of State Dulles, testifying before a Senate committee, objected to the passage of the Bricker amendment. In an effort to reach a common ground, he agreed not to submit any international covenants—Human Rights, Genocide, or others—for the time being. This capitulation to the pressure of the situation seemed to many church leaders to be too high a price to pay. Dulles may have won the battle and lost the war.

—ROBERT E. VAN DEUSEN

Canadian Affairs

THE QUEEN IS CROWNE

EXCEPT FOR a select few, Canadians were separated by thousands of miles of ocean from the actual scene of the crowning of Queen Elizabeth II. But that didn't stop them from catching "coronation fever." It took hold of them last month and reached epidemic stage before June 2.

There were several reasons for the widespread and enthusiastic celebrating. The first is that Canadians, generally, like the monarchical system as they know it. You may hear the occasional anti-British sentiment or anti-Empire attitude, but seldom an anti-Monarch comment.

Of course, the monarchy is not what it used to be. We have left the day of the "divine right of kings" and the time when the sovereign meddled in the affairs of state. He who sits on the throne is now not a symbol of personal power but of public service.

IN RECENT YEARS those who have worn the British crown have been singularly fitted for the role. During his quarter-century reign George V earned the title of "the beloved monarch." His son, Edward VIII, had wide, if brief, popularity. Through the hard years of World War II George VI stuck to his duties through disability and disease with a courage that never failed his people until his death.

Now a new sovereign has come to the throne. She is young, attractive, a symbol of new life for the mother country and of a happy future for the daughter dominions. Small wonder that there is hearty rejoicing at her crowning.

For Canadians the occasion had a particular historical significance. For the first time, Canada was specifically mentioned in the ceremony, and Elizabe was crowned "Queen of Canada." T proclamation read: "Elizabeth the Se ond, by the grace of God, of the Unit Kingdom, Canada, and her other real and territories, Queen, head of t Commonwealth, defender of the faith.

CANADIAN CHURCHES scheduled spec services on May 31, the Sunday prec ing the coronation. Lutherans used "Service of Intercession" based on T Service and concluding with pray adapted from the actual coronation ce mony.

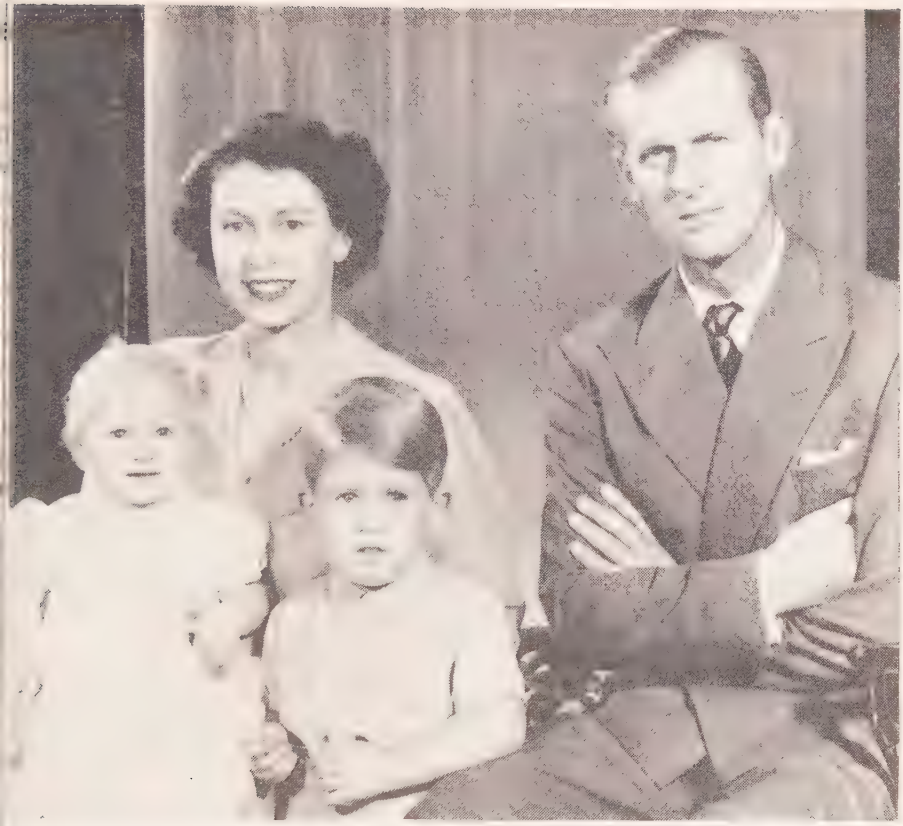
The problem of arranging commun services on coronation day was difficu Civic officials naturally wanted one lar gathering—but how could they get R man Catholics, various shades of Pr estants, and those of the Jewish faith agree on the program for the affair.

Still fresh in the minds of many w the memorial service held in Ottawa f the late King George VI. In order th people of all faiths could participa there was practically no religious conte to the ceremony. It is reported that chief Protestant chaplain was so d gusted with the arrangement that he r fused to attend.

In some places there was oppositi to a community religious service—usua by Roman Catholics. They proposed civic celebration with speeches, but hymns or prayers. (Presumably th would not sing "God Save the Queen."

In other centers Protestant leaders p their influence behind a religious obse ance. To these came great numbers citizens to offer prayers and thanksgivi for the new Queen of Canada.

—NORMAN BERNER



ROYAL FAMILY

e Queen and Prince Philip with their children, Princess Anne and Prince Charles

\EET QUEEN ELIZABETH

WILLIAM DINWOODIE

Royal chaplain recalls incidents of new queen's childhood, praises her frankness and her deep interest in religion

I SAW QUEEN ELIZABETH recently ·ough the eyes of her chaplain, Dr. J. ıtchison Cockburn.

Sitting at breakfast in a Cleveland, ıio, hotel, Dr. Cockburn told me his pressions of the queen as a mischievous ·l, as a maturing young woman and as the grave-eyed ruler of an empire who finds the crown rests heavily on her head.

The venerable, white-haired prelate, who formerly served as moderator of the Church of Scotland, said he first met Princess Elizabeth, as she was then known, in Balmoral Castle.

"Elizabeth at the time was eleven; her sister, Margaret Rose, nine," the chaplain began. "I'd meet them at dinner and often we'd take walks around the tree-shaded grounds near the castle.

"From the first," he continued, "Elizabeth caught my fancy because of her frankness. She was not at all like her mother, who was shy as a child. She more nearly resembled her grandmother, Queen Mary—never lacking for something to talk about. I must tell you of an incident that took place rather early in our friendship."

Dr. Cockburn paused to take a sip of tea and nibble at his toast. When he looked up, there was a twinkle in his deep, blue eyes.

"We'd been walking in the garden, talking of this and that, when she stopped suddenly in the path and asked me about the large ring on my hand," he said. "I explained it was the moderator's ring, given by the king to the moderator of the Church of Scotland (Presbyterian) when he takes over his duties as spiritual leader of the church for a year.

"Elizabeth was thoughtful for a moment. Then she observed: 'You've a big job, haven't you? I guess that's why they gave you such a big ring.'

"I'll never forget her girlish comment and I don't think the queen will either," Dr. Cockburn asserted. "It was the first thing she mentioned when I talked with her recently."

Asked about the queen as a maturing young woman, the chaplain said no one who met her would ever forget her eyes—"almost a violet color"—and the way they "crinkled in a smile" when something amused her.

"But you mustn't think it was all fun

Mr. Dinwoodie is religious news editor of the Cleveland News.

Queen's Chaplain
Dr. Cockburn

with Elizabeth," Dr. Cockburn hasten to add. "She had her serious side, esp cially when she spoke of what religi meant to her.

"From the time I first knew her, r ligion was something more than going church every Sunday. It was a part of h daily life. I'm certain it's one of the thin that sustains her as she takes over t reins of the British Empire."

The chaplain said he was equally in pressed with the queen's husband, t Duke of Edinburgh, who is expected be named prince consort. "He's thoughtful man, a fine life's partner f Elizabeth," Dr. Cockburn declared. "I heard him give a scientific lecture a I'm certain he has great ability."

As a member of the king's househol entitled to wear the royal monogram a red cassock, the prelate has been invite to attend the coronation.

Such an invitation comes as an or-
," he explained. "But I've asked to
excused. I'm 70 years old—too old
participate in the ceremony—which
uld call for me to take my seat at
en in the morning and remain in at-
dance until late in the afternoon. I've
gested a younger man for the honor."
Dr. Cockburn is on a trip to leading
rches and universities of the country.
Questioned about the purpose of his visit, the queen's chaplain said: "I want to awaken the people to the dangers of losing their religious liberty. The clergy should retain the right to speak out on any subject whether it is against the state or anything else. We have seen what has happened in the Communist-dominated countries. We cannot allow it to happen here."

wo Ships Set Sail for Canada

JOHN SCHMIDT

Record list of more than 1,000 refugees leaves Germany to seek new life as LWF refugee service ends its task

TWO PASSENGER SHIPS left the twin rts of Bremen and Bremerhaven on ril 30. That fact, in itself, would rcely explain the group that gathered rside. For that crowd included, in dition to the usual officials of the In- governmental Committee for Euro- an Migration and of the German and nadian government, Dr. Carl E. Lund- ist, Dr. John Schmidt and Reuben etz of the Geneva headquarters of VF, and representatives of the Ger- an and Austrian offices of the same ganization.

The explanation was given after the en-air farewell worship service, when eorge M. Berkefeld, Lutheran head the German office of the Canadian ristian Council for Resettlement of fugees, called the name of Alfred lz, a 47-year-old refugee from Dam- owice, Poland. When he came to the tform with his wife and their five ildren, he was presented with a scroll d gifts as the 30,000th migrant to have gone to Canada under the auspices of this co-operative agency of which Canadian Lutheran World Relief is a member.

Mr. Holz is headed for a sugar-beet farm in Alberta. He and the other members of his family wore the blue and yellow "LWF" pins that would ensure their welcome by our church's port workers in Montreal.

IT WAS APPROPRIATE that this family should have been singled out for attention, since their five children show clearly one of the steady objectives of the Lutheran interest in migration. There is little help that needs to be given to young, strong or skilled men or women who have no one dependent upon them. Most governments are eager to take them. But children, handicapped or aged dependents are not welcomed as readily.

However, as an agency of the church we are not primarily concerned about supplying a labor market. We are concerned that family ties shall be preserved.

FAMILY WHOSE SAILING MARKED MILESTONE
George Berkefeld, Canadian Council official, presents scroll to Alfred Holz

We are anxious, too, that the countries of first reception, like Germany and Austria, shall not be penalized by being left with the "hard core" of problem cases no other nation wants. The Holz family and numerous other family groups whose members ranged in age from 90 years to a few months were proof of the fact that often our efforts have been successful.

Practically all of the 778 passengers of the *Beaverbrae* were on board because of the effective work done by the resettlement office of LWF Service to Refugees. Mr. Baetz, himself a Canadian, who directs this program, had every reason to smile broadly. The *Fairsea* did not include as high a percentage of Lutherans on its roll, but there were enough to give our agency credit for more than half of the day's passenger list.

It was a thrill to see the LWF pins on so many coats, for each wearer represents a potential gain to the Luther churches in the Dominion. The fact t their church has stood by their side w counsel and material aid in their hd of extreme need will help to keep migrants loyal to it during the difficult of transition. In this day of mass mo ments it would be tragic indeed to l as high a percentage of migrants as, example, we did lose among newcom to the United States in the nineteer century.

ANOTHER SIGNIFICANT FACT was hig lighted that day also. Canada is tod *the* land of opportunity for the refug It is hard for our church people in t United States, who are rightly impress by the outstanding work done by M Cordelia Cox and her staff in New Yor Resettlement Office in bringing tho sands of displaced persons to that cou

to realize that the flow of migration er church and governmental auspices not stopped, but is merely redirected. efforts of T. O. Herzer and the Rev. ton L. Monk, who direct our Cana- n work, have been fruitful. Letters come back to our offices from those have assisted to migrate reveal that have found Canada to be a real land promise.

The LWF travel loan fund reveals that igees continue to go to many coun- s, including Ethiopia and Liberia. ny more go to Australia, Brazil, and gentina. Perhaps, if President Eisen- ver's recent message to the Congress gs about the legislation that those of who work for refugees have been ying for, the USA may again take its re. In the meantime, we are glad that Canada's doors have been hospitably open. It should be added that no one who looked into the faces turned attentively to the preacher or those looking with hopeful anxiety from the ship's deck as the band played *Auf wiedersehen* would question the fact that Canada's generosity was also her great gain. These families are an enrichment to any nation.

Another reason for our Lutheran interest in these sailings was that April 30 was the final day of life for the LWF Service to Refugees. Its program began as a spiritual ministry to refugees crowded into miserable camps, almost six years ago. It expanded in program and effectiveness under the leadership of Dr. Stewart Herman, whose term of office expired last year. It had won the admiration and financial support of tough-

LWF Officials Bid Farewell to Emigrants

Dr. Carl Lund-Quist and Reuben Baetz with two who sailed on April 30

minded intergovernmental agencies. Its program literally embraced the earth as it ministered to refugees in Europe, Syria and Hong Kong, while it enabled thousands to find new homes on every continent.

At midnight, April 30, however, it ceased to exist. Its program and a considerable part of its staff became part of Lutheran World Service. This new department had been established at the Hannover Assembly of LWF. Its first director, Dr. Henry J. Whiting, was to assume responsibility for its work on May 1.

On this last day the old staff members could step back and gain some perspective on what had been achieved. LWF/S had become the major church migrat agency working in Europe. With smallest staff of any large agency it been able to show the largest resu This large shipment of Lutheran refug was tangible evidence of the vitality the program being given into new han Even though voices 18 months ear had forecast the end of our progr with the end of the U.S. Displaced P sons Act, events proved otherwise. on April 30, 1953, LWF/SR saw largest single-day ship-sailing in its tory! Not even at the peak of the program did more than a thousand under our auspices on a single day.

Preparing Young People for Marriage

By CHARLES P. CRESSMAN

Counseling by pastors and educational programs for you are methods that help insure happiness after the weddi

DARLENE'S EYES SPARKLED. Her entire personality seemed buoyant and brilliant. Jack, too, was bristling with happiness as Darlene flashed her newly received diamond ring. It was a big moment in their lives—this announcement of their engagement. They looked forward to an even greater moment—when before God and man they would be declared man and wife!

But how adequately are Darlene and Jack prepared for marriage? Are they ready to accept the responsibilities? Are they too young? Should they wait a while? Would their marriage be another to become a statistic in the divorce column? Or would they achieve a happy and successful marriage?

YOUNG PEOPLE are marrying at earlier age today. There was a time wh the average age at marriage for men w around 27 or 28; the young ladies we 24 or 25 years of age. Today the av age age for men is around 23 or 24 a the average age for young ladies is the early twenties. This means that so young people are still in their teens wh they marry; others in their late twenti

Dr. Cressman, former professor of sociolo at Wittenberg College, is now pastor Third Church, Louisville, Kentucky, wh his "Counseling Center" has aroused wi interest. He is a widely known author on Christian family life. Another artic on preserving marriage and the home, w appear in an early issue of THE LUTHERA

THEY'RE IN LOVE

But are they ready for marriage?

It is also recognized that when young eople marry before reaching their wenties the possibility of a divorce is ery much greater. Among the married teen-agers" many divorces take place. his is one reason it is so important that ie church be vitally interested in the pe of preparation young people have or marriage and that pastors be alert to pportunities to provide both marriage ducation and premarital counseling for oung people.

WHEN DOES marriage education begin? s the engagement a good starting point? hould the church begin to educate for iarriage before the engagement takes lace? If so, when and how?

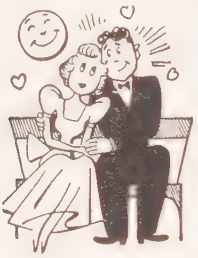
The answer is not easy, but certainly education for marriage begins long before the engagement takes place. In fact, much informal preparation takes place long before any formal marriage education. Preparation for marriage begins with all the forces which influence personality development.

Take Darlene and Jack as an example. They both come from Christian homes. They and their parents were active in church. Influence of Christian home life and experiences of getting along with the young people of the church have been excellent for personality development. In addition to the understanding and wisdom of Christian parents, Darlene and Jack were in Sunday school classes and Luther League discussion groups which from time to time had topics such as "Understanding Ourselves," "The Value of Dating," "The Christian View of Sex," "What to Discuss in Engagement."

EVERY CONGREGATION has many opportunities to prepare young people for marriage. In a day of conflicting moral standards, in a day of much talk—some of it rather lax—about sex, the church's program must help young people find the Christian answer to these problems. By emphasizing the positive aspects of personality, of emotions, and of sex itself, the church can clear up the atmosphere regarding the facts of life. There's little value in lifted eyebrows and furtive glances. For too long people have been saying, "Good boys and girls don't talk about such things" when as a matter of fact good boys and girls *do* talk about these things and the best-adjusted of them are quite objective about the facts of life.

Furthermore, the church must help her youth to be more realistic and less sentimental and romantic about mar-

riage. Idealism is needed, but it must be tempered with facts and skills. Facts about mixed marriage, about the value of a good family background, about the blessings of religious values in marriage, about the need for a sane attitude about sex, and many other facts, should be taught and faced without hesitation.



The day for glib generalities has passed. There must be a positive, constructive, and specific program of education for marriage!

A LOCAL CONGREGATION or group of churches could readily sponsor a five or six weeks' discussion series on "Dating and Courtship" or on "Preparation for Marriage." It could make available books and pamphlets that will help young people—inexpensive booklets such as the Science Research Booklets (*Looking Ahead to Marriage, Dating Days, Understanding Sex*) and the Public Affairs Pamphlets (*Building Your Marriage, So You Think It's Love*). Use can be made of films and filmstrips (The Church Screen Productions on *Boy Meets Girl, Boy Dates Girl, Boy Marries Girl, A Christian Attitude about Sex, The Story of Growing Up, The Christian Family*).

Here is a series of five classes on "Dating and Courtship" which interested a group of young people: 1. FRIENDSHIP AND DATING DAYS (Interest in boys and girls. Desire for dates. Your personality and dates. Why date? When should you start to date? What should one do on date?); 2. GOING STEADY AND THE COURTSHIP PROCESS (When should you go steady? Why do people go steady? What is the difference between dating and courtship? What are the courtship stages? What problems arise?); 3. UNDERSTANDING AFFECTIONS (What about "Love"? What is the Christian attitude toward sex? What should I know about reproduction? How should you face the problem of necking and petting?); 4. SELECTING A LIFE MATE (What factors should be considered selecting a life mate? What about "mixed" religious marriages? What about social and educational background?); 5. LOOKING TOWARD THE ENGAGEMENT (What is the meaning of engagement? What should be discussed during the engagement? What about doubts and conflicts during the engagement period?).

A similar series of five classes has been successfully used in some congregations for engaged couples and those newly married. Topics dealt with included personality adjustment in marriage, financial adjustment and budget, sexual adjustment and planning for parenthood, and the spiritual side of marriage with special emphasis on the help of religion in times of crisis.

PREMARITAL INTERVIEWS offer the congregation another opportunity to help young people prepare for the wedding. Bill and Jane learned that Pastor Jones, for instance, has a standing rule that all couples to be married by him must arrange for such an interview. In this interview the pastor discovered that Bill was an active member of the Roman Catholic Church. Jane is an active Lutheran. She has no desire to leave her church, but is faced with the demand

aced on all non-Catholics. In the pre-arital interview there is opportunity for e pastor to help Bill and Jane realize e many adjustments that are demanded a mixed marriage.

Out of the initial interview may come e need for further counseling of such nature that the young people can more adily achieve happiness.

If nothing else, the premarital inter-ew offers the pastor a splendid oppor-unity to explain the beautiful Order for Marriage which outlines scriptural teach-gs about it. Many a young couple will e thrilled with the Bible references to e "holy estate." Here is a teachable oment, a rare opportunity no pastor ill want to miss.

Completely apart from actual wedding reparations, every young church mem-er should know that counseling about arriage and related matters is always vailable to them. They should be en-ouraged to come to the pastor with their roblems and questions. This will help ally, who has doubts about her own ersonality development in relation to me dating experiences; Bob, who is pset by cross-currents and conflicting iewpoints on sex; Mary, who wants to arry and yet cannot break away from ependence on her mother and father. fany such emotional problems are en-ountered in pastoral counseling.

THE PASTOR who has gained the con-dence of his people will have feelings nd attitudes revealed to him which in ll probability have never before been ut into words. He must be objective

WISE PLANNING
They come to the pastor for advice

and understanding in his dealings with such problems. By his warm sympathy and helpfulness he can produce individuals who are more mature and self-reliant. The goal of counseling is not to deepen dependence on the counselor, but to help bring about feelings and attitudes which make for free and independent individuals. Only then do they realize the beauty of the words of Jesus: "You will know the truth and the truth will make you free."

Pastors are acquiring the skills of premarital counseling. Parishioners benefit as they receive education for marriage and wise guidance in meeting their intimate problems. As trained pastors counsel parishioners, more adequate preparation for marriage will yield a harvest of happy and well-adjusted married couples.

WE NEED TO realize with increasing conviction that we cannot expect our homes to be Christian if our belief in God is not such a vital factor in our lives that his will permeates everything that we try to do. If we are Christians in name only, so will our homes be Christian in name only.
—DONALD M. MAYNARD in *Your Home Can Be Christian* (Abingdon)

IT HAPPENED ONE DAY IN JUNE

By ILAH SCHEPPER

Everything seemed beautiful until the letter came

IT STARTS LIKE any other June day. You wake with the sun tracing long patterns on your bedroom wall. Breakfast tastes especially good—for isn't this a glorious morning? The birds seem to have singled you out for a special serenade. The Paul Scarlett by the back gate seems redder than ever before.

After breakfast you call a glad "Good morning" to the one neighbor. The dear little white-haired couple to the south are out petting their flowers and so you join them to admire their roses, poppies, mock orange and peonies. It's a *good* morning.

You are back in the house finishing up little daily chores. But you keep a watch out the front window. Surely this is the day the letter will come. Your son cabled he reached Tokyo a week ago. Yes, today would be the day the letter ought to arrive.

HERE COMES THE POSTMAN. And there is the letter! You hold it tenderly for a moment and breathe a prayer before you open it. You are almost afraid to break the seal. Yet you must know. Will it be the news you feared?

It starts out "Dearest Mother," and you hurriedly race through it to find what you are seeking. There it is—the message you had hoped you'd never have to read—"Mother, I'm to be sent to Korea immediately!"

Somehow you finish it—you come to the close where he says, "God bless and keep you, Mother." There is a numbness that tightens around your heart. You look outside. Can it be the sun still shines? Is that a bird's glad cry you hear? It seems so dark inside.

An hour passes. The tightness around your heart begins to ease up a bit. You have been praying—a quietness steals over and within you. You find yourself saying, "The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want—I will fear no evil. For thou art with me." That's it! That's what you will write to Jack. Tell him to remember that no matter where he has to go or what anyone can ever do to him God is close within him and around him.

SO YOU SQUARE your shoulders and lift your chin a bit—there are still things to be done. You go on about your work quietly. The sun still shines, the birds are singing and the roses are as pretty as ever. Later, friends come in. You chat with them about everyday happenings, thankful for the strength given you to take a sincere concern in their interests.

And so evening comes. The birds are still. You finish last-minute tasks and set your house in order for the night. As you close the day with a prayer for your army son—for all army sons—you ask God to somehow lead you to know what you must do that little Jimmy, who is six, will never have to write his mother the message you received this June day.

LET US REALLY try out the Christian way of life. We've tried everything else.—LESLIE D. WEATHERHEAD in *The Resurrection and the Life* (Abingdon-Cokesbury)

CHANGE OF PLANS

FOR A FEW MINUTES I just let the hone ring. Then I couldn't stand it any onger. It just might be something imortant.

I did look a sight with half my hair in in curls and the other half hanging, so I ept a wary eye on the glass of the front oor as I came down the stairs. I made it ll right, without being caught, picked p the receiver and—a dead line! But aturally! No one was going to hang on ll day. I should have come at once or kipped it entirely.

Upstairs I finished my hair and started n my nails. Dan says I'm getting ready or the Women's Club luncheon as hough I were going to my own wedding. New dress. New hat. Lifts on the heels nd a professional polish on my navy hoes. White gloves and my best nylon lip hanging in the bathroom last night. When I asked how he knew all about it, f he wasn't interested, he insisted that ny husband would have to be both deaf nd blind to miss my preparations. Funny ow he can say things like that without ounding insulting the way some men lo. Oh, well, maybe their own wives now how to take them. After all, it's ot the words but the music.

BUT I TRIED to tell Dan—and I think e knew it without my saying so—new lothes, or at least the best you have, re a sort of armor women wear when hey're going into a group of strangers vho may or may not be friendly. If you an think to yourself, "Well, they can't criticize the way I look!" it leaves you free to concentrate on putting your best foot forward otherwise.

The phone rang again as I got half through putting polish on my nails. I couldn't stop and I wasn't going to hurry and maybe ruin the job! Let the old thing ring.

Just then I heard Susie come tearing in the back door. "Mommy! Mommy! The phone's ringing!"

"Answer it, dear. Ask if I can call back later."

I HEARD THE MURMUR of her voice in the phone. For some reason, the instrument has a very subduing effect on her. Then she came bouncing up the stairs. "The lady says, yes, you shall call her back."

"But who was it?"

"She told me her name, but I couldn't hear her."

"Didn't you ask her to repeat it?"

"No."

"Oh, Susie! If I don't know her name, I can't call her."

"I never thought of that. Oh, well, she didn't sound mad."

I managed to keep my face straight and go over once more the right way to answer the phone. I hoped that the lady still would not be "mad" when days and weeks went by with no call from me.

SINCE IT WAS too early to dress and I didn't want to start anything strenuous, I picked up the vacation school text and started jotting down materials I thought

we'd need. We thought if each teacher did that before our meeting tonight, we'd stand a better chance of remembering everything than if one person did it alone.

"Whoo-hoo!" called Claire Mawson at the back door. "Anybody home?"

"Come on in! Doing a little bookwork for vacation church school before I dress to go to the Women's Club garden luncheon with Mrs. McIvor."

"Oh, that sounds lovely!"

"They say it is a very delightful affair. I've never had time to join the club. With the children so young, I've found that between the church and Parent-Teacher Association doings I've really had my hands full. But Mrs. McIvor is taking Mrs. Ittel and me as her guests this afternoon. She's a little bit new about things in the community and I think she can stand a little moral support—and I, for one, am very pleased to give it."

"I've never thought much about the Women's Club. Where I came from they seemed to keep awfully busy without getting anywhere."

"Oh, they do a lot here! They've gone right to bat about getting the school board to permit released time for religious instruction next year."

"So we're really going to have it?"

"Unless someone throws a monkey-wrench between now and September."

"That's just grand. The youngsters certainly need more than they can possibly get in the little bit of time on Sunday morning. But here I am, gabbing away and forgetting what I came for. I wondered whether you had a punch bowl I could borrow for tonight?"

"I haven't a punch bowl, but I do have a beautiful cut glass pitcher that holds quite a lot. Aren't you going to the vacation church school meeting at Mrs. Matteo's?"

"But the meeting is at my house instead! Didn't anyone call you? Mrs. Matteo's children have come down with chickenpox!"

LIGHT BEGAN TO DAWN. "When," I asked, "did she call you? An hour ago?"

"About that, I guess."

I told her about Susie's deficiencies as a secretary and we had a good laugh while I got out the pitcher.

"I'm glad to lend the pitcher and I think you're sweet to be fixing refreshments, but it does seem silly to have to eat every time we have a meeting."

"Oh, it will be very simple, you can be sure of that. And I do think it makes for sociability."

"And there can't be too much sociability in a church, can there?"

"That's the way I look at it. All these people must want to help in vacation school. They must think it's important to take their time to teach the children. That's basic. But the "fellowship of kindred minds" the old hymn tells about is mighty important, too. It makes things seem more like fun than work. Take my husband for instance, having such a good time at the Brotherhood dinner he found himself signing up to help paint the basement of the church as soon as vacation school is over. And you know how he's vowed that when he finished all we have to do around here he wasn't going to touch another paint brush the rest of his life!" She hugged the pitcher and laughed wholeheartedly.

"Wonderful what food will do!" I agreed, one eye on my best pitcher.

"No, here's my point. It wasn't just the food. The food was just the excuse for a lot of Christian men sitting down together and talking about their church and how they can help. Well, we'll see tonight what a group of women can cook up over a glass of lemonade!"

Personal Problem Clinic

Floating

QUESTION: George and I have been married a little more than 10 years. We have two children. Since we were married my husband has had six jobs. I am worried about his failure to stay with any position. It keeps me nervous most of the time—especially on account of the youngsters. And this situation does nothing for my disposition.

After our marriage George worked for a printing concern. But he felt he was being exploited, and he got a job with a trucking company. It lasted only about a year and a half. Next he was two years with a real estate firm, and was making progress, but was constantly angling for another job. He then took a position on a lake steamer. That kept him away from home a great deal, and I complained. He quit without having anything else in sight. After two months of idleness, he secured work with the state highway department, and then suddenly told me he had a position as an automobile salesman. He's already complaining about this job.

What am I to think of such jumping around? George's wages have never been large. I never know when another change is coming. We have moved so often that it gives me the shivers when I see a moving van. George, despite his many moves, is making little more money than when he started out, but prices have soared. When I speak to him about it he gets angry. I feel defeated and don't know which way to move.

REPLY: Evidently George has not had worthwhile guidance in the past and has missed getting preparation for any specific kind of work. He has been trying this and that in the hope of finding his proper niche. Some men do find their place in this way, but many do not. He probably fails to measure up to the requirements of the jobs and to his own expectations, and hopes that each move will solve the problem.

George needs now, as he did earlier, guidance by a reliable person—someone who can help him discover his own qualifications and lack of them. Perhaps, knowing the facts about himself, he can take night or Saturday courses in order better to qualify for a lasting position. Even though he is in the early thirties he should not hesitate to prepare for a better future.

Furthermore, he should reckon with the importance of good personal traits, control of emotions, getting along with people, and always doing a little more than is actually required. Every position has its unpleasant features. One must find ways of dealing with such factors with as little annoyance as possible, and try to get a maximum satisfaction out of features which are more satisfying. Sometimes a person has to buckle down to an unpleasant type of work, and find his main satisfactions in outside activities.

George will probably get no further by haphazard floating from one type of work to another. You, yourself, can help by refraining from nagging and by giving encouragement to every little wholesome move. It is high time for an intelligent approach to the problem—rational, not emotional. George's own determination to find the right place, to accept sound advice, and to put the best he has into all he does will contribute largely to the making of his—and your—future.

Temperament

QUESTION: I have a fiery disposition—my wife says so. Is disposition or temperament inherited, or how does it happen?

REPLY: Temperament is inherited, but subject to decided modification. Our individual temperaments are generally of mixed type. We are responsible for the effect of our temperaments on other people. A great deal can be done to improve their quality.

—EARL S. RUDISILL

The Holy Spirit and Luther

Spiritus Creator. By Regin Prenter. Translated by John M. Jensen. Muhlenberg Press. 31[illegible] pages. $3.

American Lutherans who had difficulty understanding the report of the theological commission of the Lutheran World Federation would do well to read this book, which is translated from the Danish. For here Professor Prenter describes in detail some of the emphases that were incorporated in that report.

Was Luther's concept of the Holy Spirit merely traditional? Or did he have a radical view of the Spirit's activity which he revised when the left-wing Protestants applied it with greater consistency than he did? What is the connection between the Holy Spirit and the church?

With these and similar questions Prenter deals by means of that combination of historical and systematic theology that we have come to associate with Scandinavian Luther-scholarship. He concludes that Luther's doctrine of the Holy Spirit was not merely the repetition of traditional dogmatic formulas, as some scholars have claimed, but that it was truly an essential part of his theology and his personal faith. The author is at great pains to prove that the conflict with left-wing Protestantism did not bring about a basic shift in Luther's doctrine, though it did compel him to clarify his thought and language. A wholesome emphasis in Prenter is his interpretation of church and Spirit in Luther as this was related to his view of the sacraments.

While at times the book addresses itself to antitheses that do not exist in American thought, it presents insights that are highly relevant to the American theological conversation. Current discussions of the church in America have suffered from a lack of the realization that it is not man, but the Holy Spirit who creates the church and who works through the church. Even more significant for Americans is Prenter's analysis of what Luther meant by the personal experience of the Holy Spirit, as distinguished both from the intellectual apprehension of doctrine and from the manifestations of "empirical piety."

Several controversies that have agitated the American churches are absent from Prenter's discussion. Preoccupied as they are with the problem of the authority of the Scriptures, Lutherans will miss the attention to this problem that any study of Spirit and Word in Luther would naturally evoke here. Similarly, the prominence of the concepts of common grace and the Kingdom of God in American Protestantism would require an American presentation of this theme to take up the question of the relation between the Holy Spirit and the common life outside the organized church. But there is raw material here for an evaluation of the issues, too.

Prenter's *Spiritus Creator* is not a book for casual reading on the subway. But to anyone, layman or cleric, who takes the effort to face up to it, it should prove stimulating and helpful. JAROSLAV PELIKAN

Concordia Seminary

Defense of Roman Catholics

Primer on Roman Catholicism for Protestants. By Stanley I. Stuber. Association Press. 27[illegible] pages. $2.50.

The cover of the book promises to tell us "What Protestants should known about Roman Catholics" and also "How Protestants differ from Roman Catholics and why." Each chapter contains "The Roman Catholic position," "The Protestant point of view," and "Scripture references."

For those who want quite an extensive presentation of the Catholic faith the book serves well. Even Roman Catholics could

instructed. For those, however, who sh to have an equally clear statement of e Protestant view" insufficient data are sented. The Protestant position on every nt, we are told, "has been checked by -ranking churchmen." We suggest that ne points should have been double-cked.

The book is weak in its "History of gma." The most effective answer to ny Roman Catholic errors is the his-ical demonstration of "how came we by se strange doctrines." There is prac-ally none of this in the book.

Too often one feels that we have here a ge reprint of the National Catholic Al-nac. Just as often we feel that the Prot-ant picture lacks color and is scanty and dequate.

To be specific:

1. The chapter on the "Authority and wer of the Pope" leaves Protestants quite sea. Concerning the historic pretensions the Bishop of Rome nothing is said. Ro-n Catholic scholars now agree "that it s probably in the fourth century that it ope) became the distinctive title of the man Pontiff—and that this was formally scribed by Gregory VII."

2. On the Veneration of Mary, I miss marshalling of historic facts, dates, to dicate the malignant growth of Mariolatry.

3. Under "Why Protestants repudiate the ass," the reader is again left in ignorance salient historical facts concerning the titilated sacrament.

4. "On the Meaning of Purgatory" we told that Protestants are "greatly per-xed of mind and spirit." A few historical ts and a statement of the doctrinal im-cations of purgatory would have re-ved this perplexity.

5. On the Protestant position under oman Catholic Confessional" no men-n is made of the regular "Order for Con-sion preparatory to the Holy Com-nion" in use in many Protestant churches. Finally, to have written Chapter 5 on reas of Conflict" without more extensive of Ryan and Boland's *Catholic Principles of Politics* leaves the book not too impressive.

For those who have little of this kind of literature the book will, however, be helpful.

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Putting the Bible to Work

The Bible in Pastoral Care. By Wayne E. Oates. Westminster. 127 pages. $2.50.

This book is meant to help the minister in using the Bible in his pastoral work. Dr. Oates explains: "People still come to pastors for specific guidance, comfort, and prayer, all of which are made possible through the use of the Bible. If the pastor does not function fully and effectively at this point, this ministry either goes unperformed or is taken over by superstitious and ignorant people who have had no disciplined study of the Bible, but who, nevertheless, take the Bible seriously as to its place in life."

The second chapter, "Legalism and the Use of the Bible," is especially valuable by way of warning. Dr. Oates writes, "If a pastor is an authoritarian, penal disciplinarian, he has no choice in the kind of relationship he has to many seriously disturbed people. They either never come to him at all or he tends to cut himself off from them when they do . . . When the pastor as a teacher sows legalism to the wind, he and his successors need expect nothing but a whirlwind of ethical confusion in their counseling ministries."

Among other chapters are, "The Bible in the Pastoral Care of Children," "The Bible as an Interpreter's Guidebook," "The Bible as a Book of Comfort," and "The Bible as an Aid to Prayer." There is also an appendix suggesting "Resources for Training in Pastoral Counseling."

Dr. Oates is on the faculty of Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville. He has been pastor in North Carolina and Kentucky and has been a hospital chaplain. He is the author of another book, *The Christian Pastor*. We recommend this book as a means for the minister to increase his effectiveness.

Binghamton, N. Y. HOWARD A. KUHNLE

Florida's 25th Convention Receives 7 New Ministers

By W. E. PUGH

Per capita apportionment is set at $11.15 for 195

THE FLORIDA SYNOD held its 25th anniversary convention in the same church in which it was organized in September 1928—Grace Church, Lakeland. At that time 12 pastors of congregations were charter members. Two are still active in the synod, Pastors C. F. H. Krueger and W. E. Pugh.

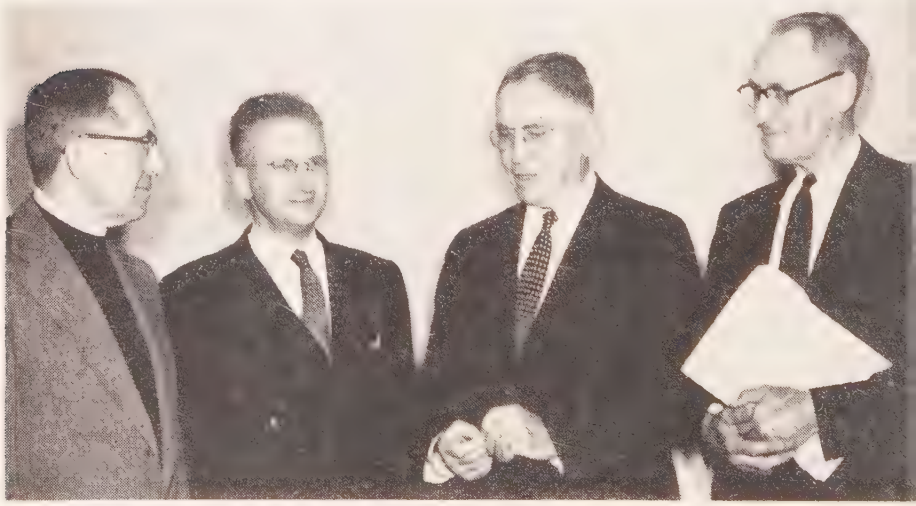
Highlighting the convention May 11-13 was the reception of seven pastors into membership, bringing to 19 the number of active pastors. Three are serving as mission developers for the Board of American Missions.

President Royall A. Yount rendered an account of his first year as full-time president. Pastor Paul K. Nordsiek was convention chaplain with "Sir, We Would See Jesus" as the theme of the devotions.

TREASURER C. M. BRUBAKER reported fu payment of apportionment and Luther World Action quotas for 1952. Thre fourths of the 1953 LWA quota was pa as of April 30. The 1954 budget of $41,98 was adopted and the per capita communi membership apportionment was fixed $11.15 to meet it. Statistician Hugh Alde man announced that the 1952 communi membership was 3,775.

Proposed constitution for Southern Sem nary was approved by synod. A revised co stitution for the synod was studied and wi be offered for adoption in 1954.

Dr. G. Elson Ruff, editor of THE LU THERAN, was ULCA representative. A dressing the anniversary banquet, he d scribed the present world situation an



CHURCH LEADERS AT INDIANA SYNOD MEETING

Dr. C. Franklin Koch, Social Missions Board executive; Dr. E. E. Flack, Hamma Divini school dean honored for 30 years' service; Dr. Robbin B. Wolf, ULC representative; an Dr. Albert H. Keck, Sr., pastor of the host church, St. Paul's, Richmond, Indiana

obligation of the church.

The Rev. H. V. Kahlenberg was chosen president; the Rev. Francis I. Fesperman, secretary; C. M. Brubaker, treasurer; Hugh Alderman, statistician. Approval is given for the ordination on June 28 of Douglas F. Wessell, graduate of Mt. Airy Seminary, who will become assistant pastor of Trinity Church, St. Petersburg.

A TWO-WEEK leadership training school will be held at Camp Emanuel, Groveland, June 14-27, the parish education committee reported. Following adjournment of synod, a convocation of more than 25 Florida Lutheran pastors from NLC bodies was held at Camp Emanuel, with Dr. Ruff lecturing on "The Dilemma of Church and State."

Synod accepted the invitation of Resurrection Church, Daytona Beach, for its 1954 meeting.

Christian Faith is Realism" Indiana Speaker Says

ROBERT H. HEINE

Delegates debate establishment of new full-time office

"CHRISTIAN FAITH is wedded neither to simism nor optimism, but to a profound lism" delegates and guests at the Indiana od convention were told by fellowship quet speaker Dr. D. Elton Trueblood. is professor of philosophy at Earlham llege in Indiana and a noted writer.

"Both pessimism and optimism cut the ve of our moral effort. We have to be e to see both the dark side and the bright e of our present situation," Dr. Trueod continued. He listed on the dark side the loss of family life, (2) loss of the ristian basis of many of our colleges, (3) agonism of intellectual circles to Chrisity. On the brighter side he included (1) powerful, well-thought-out theology, the burst of interest in evangelical faith, (3) the immense growth of lay religion.

MEETING IN St. Paul's Church, Richmond, y 11-14, the synod took action to inase apportioned benevolence from $9 to .25 per communing member. The 1954 get of $192,403 represents an increase $25,903 over the current budget. Inased support will go to the ULCA, mma Divinity School, Chicago Seminary, sterlen Home for Children and synodical sions.

An executive board recommendation that the synodical home mission board be directed to elect a home mission superintendent failed to pass. Confusion existed as to whether an additional full-time officer of synod should be a mission superintendent, a mission developer, director of youth work, assistant to the president, full-time secretary or a combination of all these offices. Synod directed appointment of a commission to study the administrative organization of synod and bring recommendations about the number of full- or part-time offices to the next convention.

SYNOD REQUESTED Oesterlen Home to make an impartial survey of the need for child welfare services on its territory with a view to determining how these needs can best be met. Another action directed the social missions committee to study entrance requirements and program at the Mulberry Home for the Aged.

St. Matthew's Church, Fort Wayne, organized Palm Sunday, was formally received into synod. The organizer, the Rev. Dean E. Tyson, has accepted a call to remain as pastor.

Synod's president, Dr. F. M. Hanes, conducted all sessions and preached at the opening service of Holy Communion. Dr. Albert H. Keck, Sr., pastor of the host

church, was re-elected vice president. The Rev. Donald E. Elder, Indianapolis, and John F. Holaday, Richmond, were returned to office as secretary and treasurer.

Dr. Robbin B. Wolf was official ULCA representative. Dr. C. Franklin Koch, former pastor of the host church and now executive secretary of the ULCA Board Social Missions, addressed the convent on evangelism. Dr. H. Grady Davis livered the sermon at a service at wh Alan J. Kiefer, a graduate of Chicago Se nary, was ordained. He will serve Wallace-Darlington parish.

Three New Congregations Received in Michigan

By WALTER M. BRANDT

Full-time president conducts sessions for first tir

SUSTAINED INTEREST was shown by Michigan Synod pastors, lay delegates, official representatives of boards and agencies and visitors during its three-day thirty-third annual convention at Three Rivers in 83-year-old St. John's Church. Re-elected vice president of synod was the congregation's pastor, the Rev. John M. Recher.

It was synod's first convention presided over by full-time president Dr. Frank P. Madsen, inducted into office March 1.

Sincere appreciation was shown the retiring part-time president, Dr. Alfred G. Belles, for his conscientious and faithful service during his term of office, both by voice and by the gift of a pectoral cross.

THREE NEW congregations were received into synodical membership: Faith, Grand Rapids, Robert J. Lignell pastor; Unity (Latvian), Grand Rapids, Janis V. Lazda pastor; and St. Matthew's, Allen Park, Detroit, August Wm. Mueller pastor.

The convention's theme, "A Re-examination of Repentance," was developed by Dr. Madsen, who stressed "The Need for Repentance—in Our Own Lives"; by Dr. George E. Mendenhall, "The Need for Repentance in the Church—Theology"; by synod's secretary, Pastor William D. Schaffer, "The Need for Repentance in the Church—Evangelism"; by Pastor Ivan O. Miller, "The Need for Repentance in the Church—Social Justice"; by Dr. Joseph Sittler, "The Need for Repentance—Go Response." Convention services and de tions were unusually well attended, leavi the impression that the convention was real spiritual retreat.

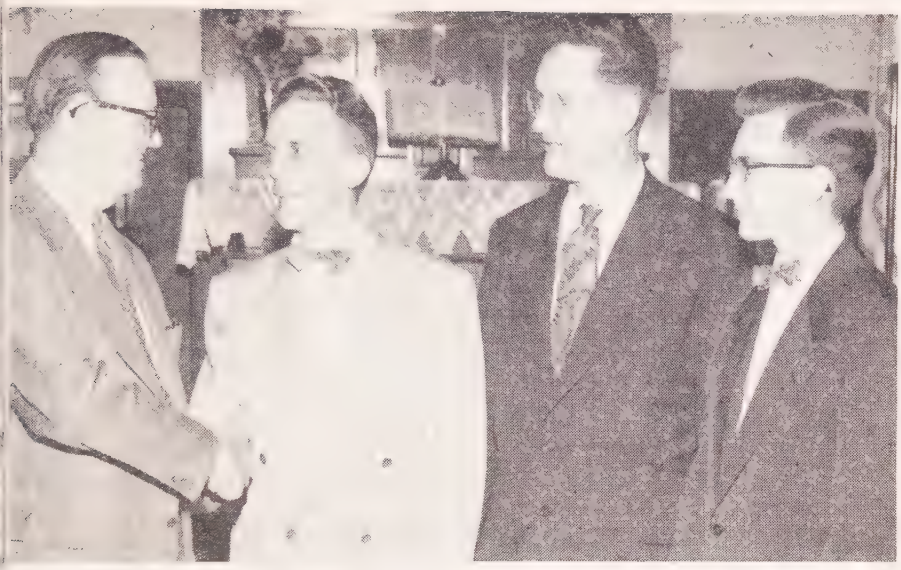
Official representative of the ULCA w the Rev. George F. Harkins, the presiden assistant, who in his two addresses p sented the church's world-wide intere and activities through its well-organiz boards and agencies.

Synod's own institutions — Wittenb College and Hamma Divinity School, C cago Seminary, Oesterlen Home for Ch dren — were officially represented and th respective progress, problems, and possib ities pointed out.

STATISTICALLY, the percentage of co firmed members who communed duri 1952 was 72.43 — best in synod's histo ULCA average in 1951 was 70 per ce Average contribution per confirmed me ber for congregational expenses for 19 was $41.53, and for benevolence $10.6 totaling $52.16.

Synod approved the overall income o jective for 1954, which will be $11.30 p communing member — $5.20 for synodi objectives, and $6.10 for ULCA.

Elected as secretary of synod was Pas William D. Schaffer, Detroit; re-elec



WELCOMING THREE NEW CONGREGATIONS IN MICHIGAN

od President Frank P. Madsen greets Pastors Robert J. Lignell (Faith, Grand Rapids), is V. Lazda (Unity Latvian, Grand Rapids), and August W. Mueller (St. Matthew's, en Park, Detroit) as the three congregations were received into synod membership

surer was Kenneth W. Johnson, Kalama-; re-elected as statistician was Dr. Louis Gunderman, Flint.

Trinity Church, Hillsdale, Marvin F. Sielken pastor, celebrating its centennial, will be synod's host in 1954.

ll Officers Re-elected by Mississippi Synod

HAROLD A. WOLFF

Convention helps celebrate 100th anniversary of host church

THE 96TH ANNUAL CONVENTION of the sissippi Synod, held at Betheden Church, r Louisville, saw the re-election of all cers on the first ballot. The Rev. Harold Wolff, Starkville, was chosen president; Rev. O. M. Morgan, Pulaski, secretary; R. B. Tullos, State College, treasurer. ppointed statistician is the Rev. Cecil C. mly of Louisville. Archivist is W. E. nn of Louisville, with Frank Forster of isville as assistant.

The host church, of which the Rev. Mr. Helmly is pastor, is this year celebrating its 100th anniversary, with its church building completely redecorated. Recognition of the anniversary was given at an evening session when a historical sketch was read.

DEVOTIONS WERE conducted by the Rev. A. W. Ballentine, who is supplying Trinity, Jackson; the Rev. Walter U. Brown, received into synod at this meeting and pastor of Grace, Laurel; and Pastor Helmly.

Elected to synod's executive committee

were Chester Clyde Smith of Laurel, Ray F. Borrer of Jackson, and Grady M. Caughman of Burns as lay members; and the Rev. Walter U. Brown and the Rev. Paul Kirsons.

Official ULCA representative was Dr. Harmon J. Maguire, president of the Illinois Synod. A spirit of eagerness to do the best was manifest as discussion followed the various reports.

ANNOUNCEMENT was made that the Re Wade H. Koons, of Parkersburg, West Vi ginia, president of the West Virginia Synod had accepted the call to Trinity Church Jackson, and will arrive on the field abo June 1. This enables synod to have th largest number of pastors with organize congregations in some time. The 1954 mee ing will be held at Grace Church, Laurel.

Record Budget Adopted by Nebraska Synod

By PAUL WIEGMAN

Constitution for proposed synodical merger is receive

BIGGEST BUDGET ever adopted by the Nebraska Synod was voted at the 81st convention in Stamford, May 11-13. When the executive committee uncorked its record recommendations, amendments from the floor raised the total still higher. Total approved is $184,571.

Biggest single increase is the $12,086 for ULCA apportionment, but there are other sizable ones: an additional $1,505 in salaries ($800 for president, $250 for treasurer); $200 more for office rent; $1,000 more for president's travel expense; $100 added for synodical paper; $310 additional toward operating budget of the Lutheran Student Foundation.

SYNOD PROMISED to lend every effort to help congregations realize their 1953 goal of $1 per confirmed member for the building fund of the student foundation. Synod has contributed only $3,751 of its anticipated goal of $22,500.

Members of the Tabitha Home board representing the Nebraska Synod will ask the board to study the possibility of building cottage-type homes for retired Lutheran pastors and their wives and report their findings and recommendations to synod when it meets in First Church, North Platte, in 1954.

Consideration of two new constitutions was another feature of the sessions—t proposed constitution of the merged L theran Synod in the Central States (Kans Midwest and Nebraska) and the propos Midland College constitution.

The Home Missions committee report purchase of a large residence at Linco located diagona across the intersecti from Grace Churc The building will used as a parish hou for the Latvian secti of Grace Church a will-provide living qua ters for the past President T. J. Schuldt reported that survey of Broken Bo made recently shows promising field.

Pres. Schuldt

THE ULCA WAS represented at the me ing by Dr. Henry H. Bagger, president the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Phi delphia, who reported on the world-wi program and work. Dr. Bagger said, "F member, we belong to a wonderful churc but don't let's get puffed up about it. W haven't come to the point of achievme yet, but we are going forward. The chur is the attacking party—the gates of h

ll not prevail against it!"
Chaplain for the convention was the Rev. C. C. Heidenreich.

Monday evening's banquet featured an dress on Lutheran World Action by the v. Rollin G. Shaffer and observance of 65th anniversary of synod's host church h a message by a former pastor of the ngregation, Dr. A. W. Young, superinident of Tabitha Home, Lincoln.

On Tuesday evening, two Central Seminary graduates were ordained: Otto Robert Hibbeler, called to St. John's Church, Persia, Iowa, and Loyal Eugene Mortensen, called to the mission congregation at Valley, Nebr. Dr. A. H. Pinkall, Omaha, preached.

Dr. Schuldt of Fremont was re-elected to serve as president for another five years. Also re-elected were Dr. A. W. Young of Lincoln, secretary; Dr. F. E. Wood of Fremont, treasurer; and the Rev. Blaine M. Simon of Allen, statistician.

ftieth Anniversary Observed in Nova Scotia

DOUGLAS A. CONRAD

Mission work in Newfoundland and Labrador is proposed

Mother Zion, Lunenburg, welcomed mbers of her daughter congregations to 50th anniversary convention of the va Scotia Synod, May 7-10. In 1903 egates met in Zion Church to organize the Nova Scotia Synod what had be- e been a conference of the Pittsburgh nod!

Only two clerical delegates to that first ivention are alive today—Dr. C. H. Little Waterloo, Ontario, the first president, l Dr. W. M. Weaver of New Jersey, the t secretary. Illness prevented Dr. Little's sence, but Dr. Weaver, although over 80 rs of age, flew to Lunenburg and pre- ted a historical sketch of the synod, tell- of many hardships with which pastors those early days had to contend.

Because of the anniversary, the ULC s represented by Dr. Franklin Clark Fry. addresses to the convention and at the men's banquet, he told of the expanding gram of the church throughout the rld, stating that the church had been ted as never before through LWF. The ristian church, he said, is the greatest uence for building peace in the world ay. Dr. Fry also led a discussion meeting the youth camp for the pastors of synod.

Dr. C. H. Whitteker, synod president, reported the organization of the Canadian Lutheran Council and also that the ULCA had appointed "friendly visitors" to the Canadian Council of Churches. Dr. Whitteker was recently chosen to head the Canadian Committee of LWF.

The Committee on American Missions stated that plans are going forward to survey several areas in Newfoundland, hoping that mission congregations may be started in that province where there are now no Lutheran churches. Authority was also given the committee to investigate conditions at the rapidly growing district of Seven Islands, Labrador, where a great new mining development has attracted thousands of people. After a report of good progress by the new mission at Dartmouth, the executive committee was empowered to arrange a financial campaign in the fall for their building fund.

Other reports outlined plans for a laymen's retreat on July 4-5, youth activities, the camping program, and the weekday church school program.

Dr. Whitteker was re-elected president. The Rev. James Dauphinee was chosen secretary and Mr. Ivan L. Schnare, treasurer.

NEW Resurrection Church, Arlington, Virginia

VIRGINIA:

$200,000 Arlington Church Dedicated

THREE PRESIDENTS were scheduled to attend the recent dedication service for t new Resurrection Church, Arlington. Only two were able to appear. The act dedication was performed by Dr. Franklin Clark Fry, ULCA president, assisted Dr. J. Luther Mauney, president of synod. Pastor Dana H. Johnson preached. Pre dent and Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower had accepted an invitation to be present, b since the president was confined to the White House by a cold, they were unable attend. Attendance at the service was 777 and the offerings were in excess of $2.0

The parish hall immediately below the sanctuary was completed in the fall of 1950. The sanctuary has been in process of erection since August 1952. Total cost was over $200,000. Dr. C. D. Leatherman was the chairman of the committee for the building of the sanctuary and Mr. Ronald W. Oldham was the head of the committee which planned and supervised the construction of the parish hall.

Resurrection Church, organized in 1940, has grown into the second largest congregation in the Virginia Synod. In 1946 when Pastor Johnson was installed it numbered 278 baptized members and 172 confirmed members. Today the congregation has a membership of over 1,400 baptized and 950 confirmed members.

PASTOR JOHNSON has just resigned as pastor effective June 15 to accept a call to Springfield, Ohio.

MEMBERS OF St. Mark's Church, Ro noke, moved into a new $400,000 buildi the first Sunday in May. An overflow co gregation heard Pastor J. E. Stockman d liver the sermon and receive 35 new me bers. He was assisted by Southern Sem narian Jimmy Stephenson, a member of t congregation.

ROANOKE COLLEGE will confer honora degrees upon two synod pastors this spri The Rev. M. L. Minnick, College Churc Salem, and the Rev. William E. Eisenbe Grace Church, Winchester, will each re ceive the Doctor of Divinity degree. D H. Sherman Oberly, president of Roano College and member of the executive cou cil of synod, will receive an honorary Do torate of Laws from Gettysburg Colle in June.

TWO YOUNG MEMBERS of St. Mark Roanoke, have received scholarships: Bi

IRGINIA . . .

ARSONS won a $2,500 scholarship in the merican Legion's high school oratorical ontest and WALTER WEYHMANN won a 3,000 scholarship to Duke University.

PASTORAL CHANGES have been legion this onth in Virginia! DR. M. S. LANGE has re-gned Christ Church, Staunton, to accept e call of Holy Trinity, Hickory, N. C. . . THE REV. H. C. CASTOR has resigned scension, Danville, effective June 15 . . . HE REV. H. EDMUND PFEIFER has resigned . Peter's, Shenandoah, to accept a call of e Board of American Missions as mission veloper in Fairfax . . . THE REV. C. MAX UDDLE has resigned at Holy Trinity, Eliza-thton, Tenn., to accept a call to Zion-St. mes, Waynesboro . . . THE REV. RICHARD . MILLER of Detroit has accepted the call Grace Church, Waynesboro . . . NEIL LINE, graduating from Gettysburg Semi-ary, has accepted a call to Luray parish . . . OY GUINN, Northwestern Seminarian, has cepted a call to Redeemer Church, Peters-urg . . . CLAUDE JACKSON MARTIN, who raduated from Southern Seminary last onth, will begin his work as mission de-loper in a new section of Norfolk this onth . . . JOHN BYERLY, also a Southern aduate, will be mission developer in harlottesville . . . THE REV. KENNETH RUMPTON, assistant pastor of First Church, orfolk, has accepted a call to Ascension, anville . . . THE REV. ALFRED SCHENCK of idgewater, Nova Scotia, has accepted the ll of the Churchville parish effective June . . . THE REV. R. F. LUDWIG has returned om North Carolina to Konnarock parish. THE FIRST Lutheran service held in the aryville-Alcoa area was conducted May by Pastor Gerald G. North of Zion urch, Knoxville.

ROANOKE'S Rotary Club recently honored . Charles J. Smith by establishing a schol-hip at Roanoke College for $5,000. It is be known as the Dr. Charles Smith holarship of the Roanoke Rotary Club." e income from this fund will go to orthy and deserving students."

MARSHALL F. MAUNEY

CAMPUS

WITTENBERG College will award five honorary degrees at June commencement exercises: Dr. George G. Killinger, chairman of the U.S. Board of Parole (LL.D.); Prof. Paul J. Kiefer, head of the mechanical engineering department of the U.S. Navy's postgraduate school (D.Sc.); Dr. Abdel Ross Wentz, former president of Gettysburg Seminary (Litt.D.); the Rev. Harold R. Albert, of First Church, Columbus, O. (D.D.); and the Rev. Carveth P. Mitchell, of First Church, Mansfield, O. (D.D.).

CARTHAGE upperclassmen registered for the fall term in mid-May in order to allow more careful planning of study programs by students and their advisors . . . GETTYSBURG Seminary commencement was held May 22 in The Chapel of the Abiding Presence . . . THIEL College commencement speaker on June 7 is the Rev. Philip W. Siberling, superintendent of Zelienople Orphans' Home. The college will confer on the speaker an honorary degree of doctor of divinity . . . GETTYSBURG College commencement speaker June 7 is Dr. William West Tomlinson, vice president of Temple University; baccalaureate speaker is the Rev. Wallace E. Fisher, pastor of Holy Trinity Church, Lancaster, Pa. . . . HAMMA Divinity School's commencement speaker May 10 was Texas Synod President Royal E. Lesher.

MIDLAND College laid the cornerstone of its new library on May 27 . . . GETTYSBURG College grants seven degrees at the June 7 commencement: DDs to Pastors William Roy Hashinger (Morgantown, W. Va.), Henry W. Sternat (Biglerville, Pa.), and Aberly Nathaniel Gopal (Guntur, India); Litt.D. to Dr. Stewart Smith, president of Marshall College; LL.D.'s to ROANOKE College President H. Sherman Oberly and McClean Stock of York, Pa.; and a D.Sc. to Robert Abbett of New York City . . . HARTWICK College had 12 preministerial students (most in school's history) enrolled this spring . . .

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WITTENBERG College sorority girls have contributed over $250 to charitable agencies this year. Here, Pan-Hellenic Council Officers Barbara Bodenberg and Lee Doellman are shown following presentation of $50 check to Mrs Robert Schneider, representing Springfield's (O.) Settlement House

WAGNER College's choir, its director, Dr. Sigvart Steen, and Wagner Chaplain Paul J. Kirsch, appeared on WNBT (NBC's television outlet in Manhattan) on May 24 and 31 . . . WITTENBERG'S second "binary" program will be launched this fall when the ULCA college begins a program in forestry in co-operation with Duke University in Durham, N. C. Calling for five years' study, the program leads to a Bachelor of Arts degree from WITTENBERG, a Master of Forestry from Duke . . . Twenty-one MUHLENBERG students have already been accepted into professional schools next fall . . . CHICAGO Seminary's executive committee has appointed Alfred Pfenner administrative assistant to President Armin Weng. Mr. Pfenner's duties will lie largely in the field of public relations . . .

WITTENBERG College awards five honorary degrees at the June 8 commencement: D.D.s to ULCA Pastors Harold R. Albert (Columbus, O.) and Carveth P. Mitchell (Mansfield, O.); Litt.D. to GETTYSBURG Seminary Prof. Abdel Ross Wentz; a D.Sc. to Prof. Paul James Kiefer, chairman of the mechanical engineering department of the U.S. Navy postgraduate school; and an LL.D. to Dr. George Glenn Killinger, chairman of the U.S. Board of Parole . . . CARTHAGE'S Speech Department head, Prof. Wayne Brockriede, has resigned to become a member of the speech department of the University of Illinois . . . MIDLAND College commencement speaker May 27 was CHICAGO Seminary President Armin G. Weng; CENTRAL Seminary President E. Bryan Keisler preached the baccalaureate sermon May 24 . . .

ROANOKE College used Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Suite" as its 1953 May Day theme, crowned Barbara Brown, of Tazewell, Va., as May Queen . . . HAMMA Divinity School's Springfield division of the School of Theology for Laymen boasted 48 persons of four denominations in eight Ohio cities, forming largest "student body" in school's history. Additional "schools" were held again in Mansfield and Toledo . . . GETTYSBURG College's athletic director, C. E. Bilheimer, who has headed the physical education department since 1927, retires June 30 to be succeeded by Coach Hen Bream . . . HARTWICK College plans to establish a Department of Chinese Studies this fall; it will include courses in Chinese history, literature, philosophy and language. In charge of organization of new department will be Dr. Wu-chi Liu, visiting professor of Chinese at Yale . . .

THIEL will offer a new curriculum in elementary education this fall, also is cooperating with Carnegie Institute and Pitt for "co-operative programs" for engineering and nursing . . . CARTHAGE entertained 1,100 high school seniors April 24-26 . . . CARTHAGE'S debate squad came back from Pi Kappa Alpha national debate convention at Kalamazoo, Mich., with six wins and two losses.

WARTBURG SYNOD:

.WA Off to Good Start

SYNOD GOT OFF to a good start on the 953 Lutheran World Action appeal by aying 50 per cent of its quota in five nonths. This word from Treasurer Boul- on gives the hope that the minimum uota will soon be surpassed and that the last-minute effort" of other years may ot be needed.

"ZION BEAUTIFIES its surroundings" is the ord of Pastor A. G. Suechting from Zion Walsh. Improvements have been ef- cted by the men of the congregation. A Family Night" once a month has been in- oduced.

A MEMBER of synod serving in Argentina, astor Hermon Hammer and family, sailed lay 8 for a well-earned furlough after nine ears in the field. It is hoped they will be ble to attend the Wartburg missionary con- ention in Immanuel Church at Lake eneva, Wis., from June 9 to 11.

PEACE CHURCH, Chester, Ill., has begun eir $33,000 remodeling program. It is oped that the remodeled structure will be

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DICATED May 10 is this $30,000 parsonage Pastor E. E. Bieber and his family, donated his Durham (Pa.) congregation by Louis oner in memory of his parents. As long as three-church parish exists, the parsonage be considered "parish-owned" although . Kroner gave it to the congregation at ham, of which he is a member

PEOPLE

HERBERT HEWITT, on leave from the Lutheran Laymen's Movement office, now with the U.S. Army in Korea, has been awarded the American Spirit Honor Medal by the Citizens Committee for the Army, Navy, and Air Force for "displaying outstanding qualities of leadership best expressing the American spirit, honor, initiative, loyalty, and high example to comrades in arms."

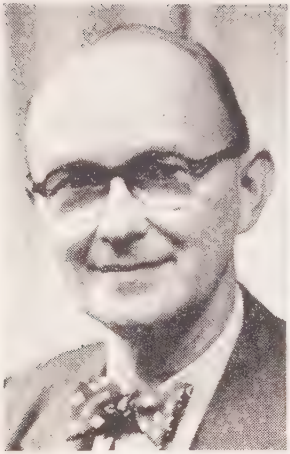
L. W. BAUERLE, prominent Wichita (Kan.) layman, has established a $1,500 scholarship fund in memory of his wife, to be used as a loan fund to aid young people of St. Paul's Church, Wichita, planning for full-time service.

DR. OTTO K. JENSEN, Indiana Synod layman and member of the ULCA executive board, chairmans the committee for Lutheran Laymen's Movement assigned the task of choosing recipients of the two Everett Mitchell Stewardship of Life Awards. The pair of $500 prizes will go to a young man and a young woman between the ages of 17 and 30 who have shown outstanding stewardship characteristics in their communities.

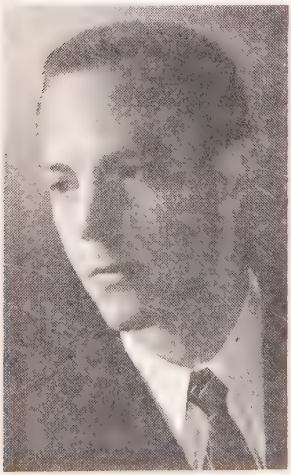
REUBEN C. BAETZ, assistant to the director of Lutheran World Federation's Service to Refugees, has been named deputy director of the Department of Lutheran World Service. His responsibility will be in the fields of emigration and resettlement, the exchange of requests and projects for material relief and he'll serve as liaison with inter-governmental refugee and relief agencies.

DR. JOHN W. RILLING, pastor of St. John's Church, Minneapolis, and president of the ULCA Board of Parish Education, is one of 10 "unofficial ambassadors of good will" assigned by the National Council of Churches to a pastors' exchange schedule in England this summer.

ROBERT B. CUMMINGS (Pasadena, Calif.) and DR. WILLIAM H. STACKEL (Rochester, N. Y.) have been elected members-at-large, Board of Managers of the United Council of Church Men.



HERBERT HAKE, director of radio-TV for Iowa State Teachers College, will be a member of Chicago Seminary's summer faculty. He'll teach a course dealing with the entire field of communication and the Christian faith during the July 27-Aug. 14 session



ROBERT WOODSIDE, Westminster Choir School and Curtis Institute graduate, and Chautauqua organist and recitalist, is now organist-director of music at Messiah Church, Philadelphia

BRIEFLY SPEAKING

At Long Island's Lutheran Cemetery, a Queens (N. Y.) pastor was surprised recently to notice several large trucks marked plainly "St. John's (Roman Catholic) Cemetery" hauling great loads of dirt. The trucks dumped their dirt load on a low spot in the Lutheran Cemetery, returning only in a little while with more dirt. Curious, the pastor asked the reason, discovered that some excavating and leveling of earth was being done at the Roman Catholic Cemetery, with the dirt being carted over for fill in the Lutheran Cemetery. So . . . some Lutherans will be buried one day in consecrated ground.

Because church councilmen at Zion Church, Sunbury, Pa., read in THE LUTHERAN and other church periodicals of the crying need for Lutheran pastors on the Pacific Coast, the congregation voted recently to contribute $1,000 from its benevolence funds to the board of directors of Pacific Seminary.

One confirmand at Salem English Church, Minneapolis, Minn., reporting on what Pastor Paul Luther Wetzler had said during the last Sunday sermon, wrote: "Pastor talked for a moment about the Revised Stranded Addition of the Bible."

In carrying an account of attempts of Bethlehem (Pa.) ministers to stamp out gambling, the Allentown *Morning Call* quoted one paragraph of the clerics' resolution: "We cannot condone any phase of this evil by the subterfuge of legislative protection for immorrality." Quipped one Allentown pastor: "I sorta like the idea of legislation for immortality!"

Since last September, Trinity (Augustana) Church, Buffalo, N. Y., has been vacant. Conducting the services since that time and preaching a sermon each Sunday morning has been Carl Erickson, one of the top announcers and newscasters on Buffalo's NBC affiliate, Radio Station WBEN. Attendances have been increasing steadily and congregational activity has not lagged, members of the church report!

A recent issue of *The Walnut Park Shopping News* (Portland, Ore.) carried the following announcement: "The Rev. Olin G. Dasher, pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church, announces as his sermon tonic for Sunday, March 8, "The Wonderful Will ('Thy Will Be Done')."

ARTBURG SYNOD . . .

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eady for dedication by September.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, Guttenberg, Iowa, elebrated their 30th anniversary May 31. he congregation has become debt-free.

APRIL 26 was organization day for the achusa Guild of Southern Illinois. All ven of the churches of synod in the reman area were represented in the 56 embers that joined. Mrs. Henry Doeding, St. John's, Breman, was elected presi-nt. Semi-annual meetings will be held on e first Sunday in May and the first Sun-y in November each year.

DEDICATION of the new Carthage College apel and Music Hall was held April 12. edication speaker was to be Pastor Arthur eumann of Faith Church, St. Louis, Mo. st prior to the early service in Faith urch, the oil furnace exploded and Pas-r Neumann was severely burned. Although le to conduct services that morning in his vn church, he felt unable to undertake the rney to Carthage. With but two hours r preparation, Dr. R. R. Belter was called on to take over this assignment.

THE NEW $30,000 parsonage for St. non's Church, Chicago, was dedicated ay 10. Synod President Belter spoke.

ARNOLD H. KAITSCHUK

ILLINOIS:

Synod Organizes Second in Six Months

CHICAGO—Over 150 people gathered the Hammerschmidt school in Lom-rd recently for the organization of od's newest congregation, Holy Trin-Lombard. On the charter roll were ed 112 baptized and 74 confirmed mbers. The service was conducted by odical Mission Pastor Robert L. oker. Guest speaker was Dr. A. M. udsen, of Board of American Mis-ns. Following the service of reorgani-ion a congregational meeting was held

—HOME MISSIONS—

WISCONSIN: St. Paul's Church was organized May 17 in Baraboo, the city once made famous as the quarters of the Ringling Brothers Circus. Synod President Paul E. Bishop preached at the organization service. Conference President A. G. Streich, Milwaukee, also spoke. Missionary Rodney V. Hansen was the organizing pastor. Close to 75 persons will constitute the charter member roll. The new congregation has called Alan Henderson, senior student at Northwestern Seminary, as pastor.

PENNSYLVANIA: Ohio View Church, first mission to be organized in Pittsburgh Synod's Conference in 25 years, became a young mission in May. This 100-charter-member congregation is located between Beaver, Pa., and East Liverpool, O., is served by the Rev. J. Ray Houser, Jr.

WISCONSIN: Since the dedication of its chapel, the new mission at Waukesha had worshiped to the thumping of a piano, but that will soon be over, for the Warren Marlow family is giving a pipe organ as a memorial.

MARYLAND: Members of Hope Church, College Park, have purchased a building site only 100 yards from the Maryland University campus. A campaign for $24,000 was launched May 24; construction of a chapel-student center is planned for the spring of 1955. The mission now has 142 baptized members. Pastor Otto Reimherr also has responsibility for the 530 Lutheran students at the university.

WISCONSIN: Luther Memorial mission, Delavan, was organized May 3, with 53 members. Members of Wartburg Synod congregations from Chicago, Joliet, Milwaukee, Lake Geneva, Cudahy, West Allis, and Racine were present to give an offering of about $1,500 to the new congregation. A check for $2,000 was presented to the council by synod as a down payment on a chapel-parsonage. The Rev. Edgar Belter of Peace, Steeleville, Ill., has been called.

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To be continued next week

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ILLINOIS . . .

and approval was given for the purchase of property for a church building. Kenneth Proefrock, a senior at the Chicago Seminary, has been called as pastor. This is synod's second new mission in six months.

ELMHURST CHURCH, Elmhurst, celebrated the 30th anniversary of its organization with special services during the week of Apr. 29.

THE VALUABLE theological library of former Prof. William Eckert is to be given to Chicago Seminary by his widow. Professor Eckert served the seminary from 1912 to 1942. During these years he collected one of the finest private libraries on the English Bible containing many books no longer available . . . The actual transfer of the three to four thousand books to Maywood will take place this month.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, Chicago, held cornerstone-laying ceremonies for its new church May 17; the building will be ready in the early fall.

THE REV. JOHN MILLER, Zion Church, Litchfield, has accepted an invitation from the National Council on Religion to Undergraduates to attend a conference on Teaching Religion to Undergraduates to be held at Denison University June 16.

CHRIST CHURCH, Clarendon Hills, has completed a successful campaign for a church edifice. The $40,000 structure will be erected during the summer and the mission will be in its new building less than two years after organization.

CARTHAGE COLLEGE is now participating in a special officer training program offered by the U.S. Marine Corps. The program offers to qualified students the opportunity to complete their college education and then receive a commission upon graduation.

SEDGEWICKVILLE CHURCH has adopted the Lord's Acre Plan for 1953. Both individual and group projects will be worked in this stewardship plan.

DURING APRIL eight more congregations gave their 1953 LWA quotas 100 per cent or more: Christ Church, Chicago; Gladstone Park, Chicago; Zion, Litchfield; Trini

ILLINOIS . . .

:y, Mt. Morris; Good Shepherd, Oak Park; t. Paul's, Oregon; St. John's, Pearl City; nd St. Paul's, Kent. This brings the total o 10 over the top.

RECENT RADIO preachers were the Rev. oy W. Cooperrider over WVIN, Olney, nd Dr. William J. Boatman, over WCIL, arbondale.

JOE WILLIAMS, active member of First hurch, Murphysboro, was elected mayor f that city on April 21. At the same elec- on Delmar Ward, a former financial sec- tary of the congregation, was elected city lerk.

A RECENT article in THE LUTHERAN, "He erves God with a Brush" (April 1), was eprinted in the Chicago and Illinois Mid- nd Railroad magazine May 1. The article as about Mr. Nels Reistad, investigator or the railroad since 1927.

HOPE-EPIPHANY CHURCH, Chicago, ded- ated a new communion rail and pulpit lay 10 in memory of their former pastor, he late Rev. William D. Ziegler.

THE REV. ARTHUR O. ALTHAFER was in- alled pastor of St. John's and St. Mark's hurches, Queen City, Missouri, by Presi- ent McGuire on April 12.

COMMUNITY INTEREST in the benevolent ork of the Lutheran church was expressed ecently in Pearl City when a local busi- essman, not a member of the Lutheran hurch, made a sizable contribution to the oreign Mission Appeal and the owner of local store donated a case of shoes to the achusa Home for Children.

CHAPLAIN MAX GILMER, former pastor Trinity Church, Macomb, has been re- alled to active service with the 44th Divi- on and has been ordered to overseas duty. e embarked April 24.

THE REV. ARTHUR R. SEYDA, pastor to utheran students in the Chicago area, has en chosen as adult leader for a group of) Lutheran students selected from 17 col- ges in 11 states who will spend 10 weeks road studying church life in the Scan- navian countries and Germany. The party ill leave New York by boat on June 26.

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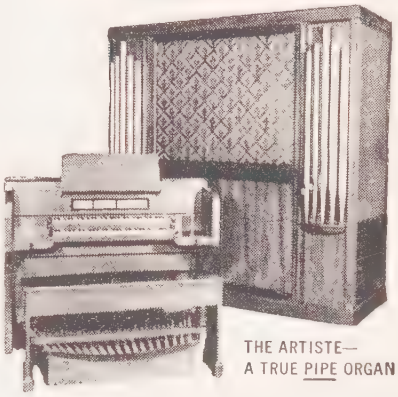

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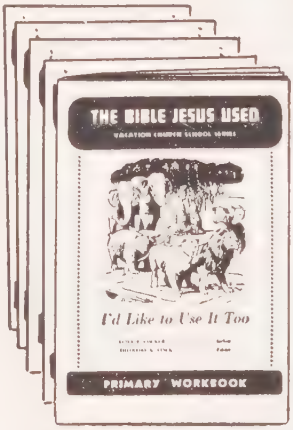

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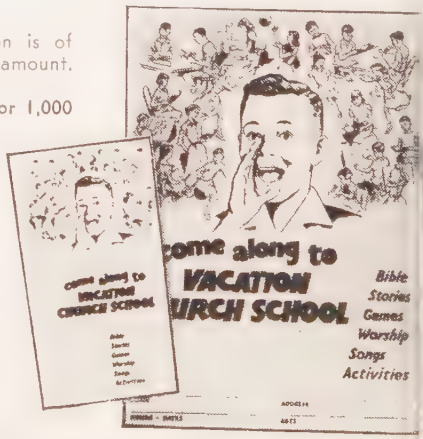

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ONE OF THE Iowa Synod churches was ren special recognition May 1 by the nton Herald under the caption "Price-s Tolerance." The editor wrote: "If re is some sort of an award for a com-nity which sets the right kind of an ample in religious tolerance it should to Princeton, Iowa.

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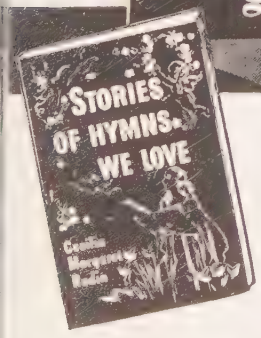

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nouncement was made that a funeral ma would be celebrated in the Catholic churc It so happens that the church there is ratha small and could accommodate only a sma fraction of the host of friends who wishe to attend the services.

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PASTORAL CHANGES are not unusual. Th tall corn synod experienced its greatest pa toral turnover in its 99th year. Fifteen con gregations out of the 34 saw pastors com and go. Twenty ministers were involved i the changes; four were called to other con gregations in the synod, one to a synodica office, six were received by transfer, tw students received calls and were ordained and five transfers were given to othe synods. Four congregations are still in th process of calling pastors.

CENTENNIAL INTEREST ran high in th 99th convention. Twenty-nine propositior were discussed as the basis of a year-lon united congregational program. A missio fund is to be raised by a $5 per communio member quota.

SEVEN RECOMMENDATIONS were discusse at the convention dealing with the action d the Presidents' Conference and the Execu tive Board, regarding the call, ordinatio and retention of men on the ministerial rol and other related subjects.

EARLY HISTORICAL FACTS revealed that 5 congregations that once held membershi no longer appear on the synodical rol Forty-one were located in villages and town no longer listed in population counts. In 1 locations where congregations failed, othe Lutheran synods were successful in estab lishing churches.

The *Martin Luther* film was given a tw page space in the May 17 and May 24 (Sun day) editions of the *Register and Tribun*

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ONTANA-NORTH DAKOTA:

ıbor Parsonage edicated April 19

FARGO—April 19 Holy Trinity _urch, oor, Minn., dedicated its new parson-. (This country parish lies just 20 es east of Grand Forks, N. D.) Mem-s of the church constructed it them-es.

Dr. Wm. Gable and his wife moved to parish six years ago, after long years the Rocky Boy Indian Mission. There been no slackening of his activity. In se six years, the congregation has grown idily in numbers and has made a com-e renovation of its church building as l as the present erection of a parsonage. Gable, who attended the 50th anniver-y of his seminary class in Philadelphia spring, is now 76 years old.

erforming the dedicatory service was Dr. l E. Bishop, president of synod. About were present.

THE REV. DWIGHT H. SHELHART, veteran d missionary of synod, will be spending umber of weeks this month spotting is for home mission development in th Dakota and Montana. He has been king preliminary investigations in prepa-on for his trip. It is hoped that this trip result in locating many new fields in stern Conference, especially in view of oil developments in western Dakota eastern Montana.

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MONTANA-NORTH DAKOTA . . . $14; children, 10 and under, $8, if accompanied by their parents . . . The North Dakota Bible Camp will meet also on July 19-25, but the location will be at Lake Metigoshi on the Canadian border near Bottineau. The cost of the camp is $15.5

INGOLF B. KINDE

PENNSYLVANIA:

Angstadt Elected Conference President

Norristown—It's been convention time in Norristown Conference. The annual spring convention of conference was held in St. John's Church, Sumneytown when the Rev. Elton L. Angstadt, pastor of St. John's, was elected president. The Rev. Paul S. Henry, Spring City, was re-elected secretary, and the Rev. Mark C. Heller, Trumbauersville, was elected conference treasurer, succeeding the Rev. Howard H. Krauss of Red Hill.

The Rev. Samuel Kidd, who recently resigned the pastorate of Grace Church, Norristown, to accept a call to be the new stewardship secretary of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, made his first official appearance before the conference, explaining the proposed "Grace System" of benevolence apportionment.

Merwyn C. Fuss of Taneytown, Md., ULCA Brotherhood president, addressed the annual convention of the Conference Brotherhood in Trinity Church, Perkasie, April 7. He told the men that they represented the greatest untapped source of power in the church, and that the Brotherhood should be "the strong right arm of the church." He installed the new officers.

"Leaguers—Partners with Christ" was theme of conference Luther League convention held in Trinity Church, Quakertown, April 11. Over 150 leaguers were present. Pastor George Eichorn spoke; Julia Walton Buzby was re-elected president.

A "Church School Workshop," spon

., NORRISTOWN . . .

ed by the conference education committ-, in Transfiguration Church, Pottstown, tured addresses by Pastors George Eic-n, William Horn, Kent Gilbert, Mrs. orge Ammon, Miss Catherine Juram, and s. Wilbur Gouker.

TEN YEARS of planning reached a climax en the Rev. Edgar S. Brown, Jr., Grace urch, Pottstown, turned the first spadeful earth for the new $400,000 church and ication building. More than 400 mem-s marched in a procession from the old urch to the site of the new building, led flag bearers, crucifer, brass band, and ee choirs.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, Dublin, has begun the ction of a $15,000 parsonage for its ly elected pastor, the Rev. William A. vis, ordained at last month's meeting of Ministerium of Pennsylvania. This rch was formerly part of the Lower icum-Dublin parish, recently divided.

RICHARD L. PETERMAN, eighth son of manuel Church, Pottstown, to enter the istry during the pastorate of Dr. Luther Krouse, has been called to Christ Church, icum. Following his ordination he will installed June 7 by Conference President gstadt.

THE REV. WILSON H. HARTZELL was in-led pastor of St. Paul's Church, Doyles-n, May 10, by Pastor Angstadt. THE REV. L H. HOWELLS will be installed pastor St. Peter's Church, West Pikeland, on e 14.

PASTOR NORMAN Y. RITTER, Trinity urch, Perkasie, has announced his resig-on and retirement, effective June 30, r a 39-year pastorate.

EXTENSIVE IMPROVEMENTS in the church ool facilities of Trinity Church, Norris-n, were completed recently. Their pel of the Living Word is open daily for er, and the sacrament is celebrated e each Sunday. A kindergarten is ned for September . . . LONG SERVICE pparently the rule at Trinity: Franklin stickler recently completed 47 years of ice on the church council, including 36 years as financial secretary . . . SPRING CITY CHURCH is rebuilding its organ at a cost of $6,000 . . . At ST. PETER'S CHURCH, North Wales, extensive remodeling is going on in the parish house. All work is being done by volunteer help from the church.

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WISCONSIN LUTHERANS were making a b effort in the Epiphany Appeal to enable th British Guiana church to build chapels. The had set out to underwrite a $5,000 chap and to date had remitted $4,368. It w believed the full sum would be assured the time synod met. In addition, Northwe Synod churches had subscribed 23 units missionary support at $600 each, five mo than a year ago.

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IT'S A LONG TIME since Samuel took a vial of oil, poured it on the head of Saul, and said, "Has not the Lord anointed you to be prince over his people Israel?" From the "coronation" of the first Hebrew king to the elaborate affair in Westminster Abbey this week, there is a straight line of continuous belief that God has a great part in the government of nations.

We in America believe in separation of church and state but must not make the mistake of thinking God has nothing to do with politics. He is the supreme ruler even of the Russians, and determines how things turn out. Governments which disregard his will are eventually destroyed.

Of course we know the young Queen Elizabeth won't have much to say about how Britain is governed. But perhaps the solemnity of her coronation will be a lesson to the real rulers regarding their God-given responsibility.

IF THINGS hadn't gone the way they did in 1776, maybe we in the United States would be pledging our allegiance to Elizabeth this week. Since a lot of us United Lutherans live in Canada, part of the ULC family is keenly alert to the great Coronation Day.

Often I notice here in the States how easily we forget that our church exists in two countries. We are careful in THE LUTHERAN, of course, and never say "our government" when we refer to the folks in Washington. We say "the U.S. government" unless we happen to slip.

Our people in Canada are good friends of the United States, but they stand far enough away from the rest of us to form opinions of our behavior which are not always complimentary. I was in Ontario a few days this last month and noticed how critical the Canadians are of U.S. trade policies, attitude on the Korean truce, and the St. Lawrence seaway. We in the U.S. could guard against some of our selfishness if we tried strenuously to see ourselves as others see us.

Someday there may be one Lutheran Church of Canada, because in the Dominion the chances of uniting all Lutheran groups are better than in the States. The Canadians, when they find it possible to merge, may not wait for the rest of us to lag along behind. But I would greatly regret our Canadian brothers separating themselves from us in the States. It seems to me a fine thing that the United Lutheran Church exists in more than one country, for churches shouldn't be cut off at national borders.

AND SO LONG as we Lutherans in both countries belong to one church, I figure that I have a left-handed sort of citizenship in Canada along with my U.S. citizenship. I can almost feel myself shouting "God save the Queen" with as much fervor as anybody in the Commonwealth.

It should be good for people everywhere to center their attention for a moment on this lovely young woman riding slowly into the great church for the coronation ritual. All of us stand in the presence of God, whether we know it or not, as we make the promises and decisions which shape our lives.

Maybe Elizabeth, in her dramatic moment, will worry about whether the crown is on straight, and won't be able to concentrate. But far from Westminster Abbey we can pray, "God save the queen. God save all of us."

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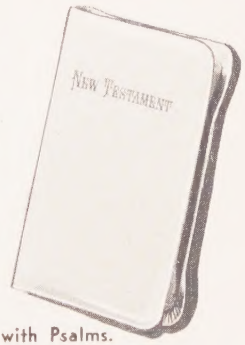

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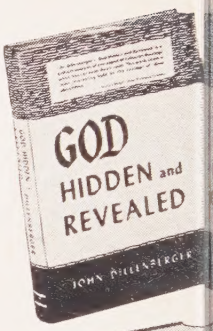

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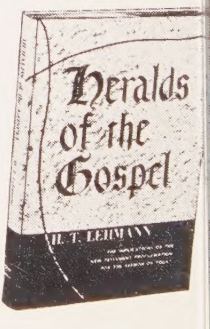

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